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**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS MEETS
US SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER KEY PARTNERS IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MARCH 7TH, 2023**

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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago met with the Honourable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United States of America on March 07, 2023 at the United States Department of State.

Minister Browne was accompanied by His Excellency Brigadier General (Ret'd.) Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States of America, along with senior members of staff of the Embassy, and Secretary Blinken was joined by US Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace A. Bond, and other senior members of staff of the US Department of State.

Minister Browne and Secretary Blinken discussed matters of mutual interest for Trinidad and Tobago and the United States including food security, energy security, access to international development financing, democracy, security and peace in the region, migration, and the situation in Haiti. Minister Browne reiterated the importance of the US as a strong and enduring partner based on shared interests with Trinidad and Tobago. Minister Browne and Secretary Blinken exchanged perspectives on a range of other issues, and both officials committed to exploring additional ways to work together to reduce the flow of illegal guns into Trinidad and Tobago and the region.

The Minister highlighted events such as the US-CARICOM discussions at the 9th Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, which have created a closer working relationship between the US and CARICOM, and the recent US-CARICOM Summit at the 44th Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government in the Bahamas and reminded of the upcoming CARICOM Symposium on Crime as a Public Health Concern to be hosted by Trinidad and Tobago.

Secretary Blinken acknowledged the strategic importance of Trinidad and Tobago and underscored the commitment of the Biden Administration to building on the existing strong relations between the two countries, and to following up on commitments made at the 9th Summit of the Americas, which was held in Los Angeles in June 2022.

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Meeting with senior members of the Atlantic Council

Minister Browne also met with Mr. Jason Marczak, Senior Director of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center and Mr. Wazim Mowla, Associate Director of the Caribbean Initiative at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center on March 07, 2023. Discussions focused on the Council's advocacy at the US Senate and House of Representatives on behalf of Caribbean countries, on regional priorities such as de-risking and correspondent banking, financial inclusion, access to international development financing, energy security, and climate change. Minister Browne expressed his gratitude to the Council for its support for the region and welcomed the opportunity to work together to raise awareness and advance the interests of the Caribbean with key public and private sector stakeholders in Washington, D.C.

Meeting with non-resident Ambassadors accredited to Trinidad and Tobago

In recognition of the official visit of Minister Browne, the Embassy hosted a luncheon in honour of non-resident Missions in Washington, DC accredited to Trinidad and Tobago. The meeting provided an opportunity to further strengthen existing relations with the countries represented, and to explore opportunities for increased cooperation.



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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Ambassador and Staff of the Trinidad and Tobago Embassy in Washington, D.C., USA: Ambassador Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer, Brigadier General (Ret'd), Mrs. Venessa Ramhit-Ramroop and Ms. Ruedi Trouchen.



Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Ambassador Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer, Brigadier General (Ret'd.) with Mr. Jason Marczak and Mr. Wazim Mowla of the Atlantic Council .

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