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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS WELCOMES NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE OF SURINAME TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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Her Excellency Liselle Remelda Blankendal, non-resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Suriname to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago presents her Letters of Credence to Senator the Honourable Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, welcomed Her Excellency Liselle Remelda Blankendal, non-resident Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Suriname to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to receive copies of her Letters of Credence during a courtesy call paid at the Ministry's headquarters today, 2nd February, 2024.

During the meeting, Minister Browne reflected on the strong history of bilateral relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname, inclusive of collaboration on a range of issues such as energy security, tourism and a range of regional and global matters. The Minister expressed the hope that the enduring relations will continue to flourish, and committed to doing his part to achieve this.

The Ambassador-designate expressed appreciation to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for accepting her nomination as Suriname's diplomatic representative to Trinidad and Tobago. Reflecting on the almost 46 years of friendship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1978, Her Excellency conveyed her aspirations for the further strengthening of bilateral ties during her tenure as Ambassador. She also thanked Trinidad and Tobago for its continued support through the sharing of technical expertise at the annual Energy Conference hosted in Suriname as well as in the development of the country's energy industry.

The meeting ended cordially, with Minister Browne extending congratulations to Ambassador-designate Blankendal in advance of the presentation of her Letters of Credence to Her Excellency Christine Kangaloo, ORTT, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, accrediting her as the non-resident Ambassador of Suriname to Trinidad and Tobago, based in Georgetown, Guyana.

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