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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISCUSS “A NEW CARIBBEAN STRATEGY AND ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE”

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From L-R: Ms. Tracy Hutchinson, Head of Office of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office; Mrs. Joanna Kazana-Wisniowiecki, United Nations Resident Coordinator; Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs; Ms. Reita Toussaint, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Dr. Dillon Kerrigan, Peace and Development Advisor at a meeting held on 9th December, 2024 at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs met with Mrs. Joanna Kazana-Wisniowiecki, United Nations Resident Coordinator on 9th December, 2024 at the Ministry's headquarters, to discuss “A New Caribbean Strategy and Action Programme for the Prevention of All Forms of Violence”.

Ms. Tracy Hutchinson, Head of Office of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and Dr. Dillon Kerrigan, Peace and Development Advisor, accompanied Mrs. Kazana-Wisniowiecki to the meeting.

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The strategy highlights the importance of a regional, multi-sectoral approach, which engages Government entities, faith-based organizations, civil society, and communities and aims to foster collaboration across various sectors to prevent violence through innovative and comprehensive solutions.

Key outcomes of the strategy include strengthening communities through support for parenting, developing curricula that promote social cohesion, building resilient societies and prevention.

Minister Browne acknowledged the work of the United Nations and spoke highly of the quality of the UN programmes that have been implemented in Trinidad and Tobago. He emphasised the commitment of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to broaden collaboration with the United Nations agencies. The Minister and the UN Resident Coordinator discussed potential next steps toward advancing the initiative and to continued joint efforts to find effective solutions to the scourge of crime and violence affecting Trinidad and Tobago and the CARICOM region.

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