



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PARTICIPATES IN THE 49<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SCHEDULED FOR MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, FROM JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**PORT OF SPAIN: 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025**

On July 5<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Honourable Sean Sobers, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, will lead a Delegation to participate in the Forty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, scheduled to take place in Montego Bay from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 with Dr. the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica as host and Chair of CARICOM. Also participating in the Delegation will be the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security; Mr. Randall Karim, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Head of the Foreign Service; H.E. Ralph Maraj, Ambassador to CARICOM; and Ms. Ayesha Wharton, Director, CARICOM and Caribbean Affairs.

The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago sent written greetings to Prime Minister Holness and briefed her Ministers on the critical role placed by her administration on relations between Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Community. In advance of the meeting she engaged virtually in discussions with her regional counterparts to advance Trinidad and Tobago's positions on several items on the agenda including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy; Advancing the CARICOM Agri-Food Systems Agenda – Prioritising Regional Food and Nutritional Security; and the Report from the Prime-Ministerial Sub-Committee on External Negotiations.

Minister Sobers will also engage in bilateral discussions with his counterpart, Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson-Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica on matters of mutual interest between both countries, including regional energy initiatives, trade and investment relations, cultural exchanges, immigration issues, and potential areas of cooperation in national and regional security.

Minister Alexander is also set to engage with his counterpart, the Honourable Dr. Horace Chang, Minister of National Security on matters of mutual concern. Minister Alexander will also participate in the Jamaica Constabulary Force Security Technology Expo that will take place in Montego Bay from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.

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