



MEDIA RELEASE

**INTERVENTION DELIVERED BY DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE
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Chair,

The delegation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago expresses its gratitude to the convening delegations for arranging this special meeting of the Permanent Council to allow for an exchange of views on the recent developments in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Chair,

Trinidad and Tobago has been a longstanding proponent of the peaceful coexistence of States in the international arena. Our enduring partnership and strong fraternal ties with both Venezuela and the United States are indicative of this. However, we have equally recognized that the concept of real regional peace has been elusive within the Southern Caribbean.

Trinidad and Tobago continues to recognize the importance of collective efforts aimed at addressing the threat posed by transnational organized crime. It is against this backdrop that we reiterate our strong support for the efforts led by the United States, toward disrupting and dismantling the transnational criminal networks that have been recognized here at the OAS, and across the hemisphere, as forces of instability and insecurity. At the same time, Trinidad and Tobago places significant value on maintaining constructive and respectful relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Chair,

As a close neighbour, our country remains deeply invested in regional stability. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to underscore its longstanding relationship with both the United States and Venezuela and stands ready to work collaboratively with all partners who share the aspiration of a safer, more prosperous and stable Americas.

Thank you.

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