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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REMAINS A WILLING UNITED STATES COUNTERTERRORISM PARTNER

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Trinidad and Tobago has been reported in the 2016 Country Report on Terrorism as being a willing United States counterterrorism partner, which has accepted offers of assistance to share border security information, develop a strategy to counter violent extremism and prosecute terrorists. The Country Report on Terrorism is an annual report which is published by the United States Department of State.

The 2016 report also states that there are no known indigenous nor foreign terrorist groups operating in Trinidad and Tobago and that an inter-agency National Counterterrorism Working Group led by the Ministry of National Security is working on a national counterterrorism strategy.

In respect of countering the financing of terrorism, the report notes the membership of Trinidad and Tobago in key financial action task force bodies and that the country has criminalized the offence of terrorist financing. Trinidad and Tobago is further seeking to improve its anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism framework. In terms of international and regional cooperation, the report notes the active participation of Trinidad and Tobago in regional security initiatives.

Regarding areas of concern, Trinidad and Tobago continues to seek ways to enhance its legislation, strengthen law enforcement and border security and to develop strategies to treat with new elements of criminality.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs expresses its appreciation for the continued collaboration and cooperation to strengthen and enhance national and regional security and to reaffirm this country's commitment to working with the United States of America to counter all forms of terrorism and violent extremism.

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