BRIEF STATEMENT BY SENATOR THE HONOURABLE DENNIS MOSES, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS, AT THE HAND OVER CEREMONY FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DONATED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ON 17th JULY, 2020 AT 11:30 A.M. MEDIA ROOM, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS

Good morning and welcome to the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

This morning I should like to acknowledge the generous donation of personal protective equipment – PPE - in the form of protective suits, disposable gowns and shoe covers from the Government of the People's Republic of China. Your Excellency, your Government's continued support of Trinidad and Tobago's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is greatly appreciated.

Since March, this country has benefited from several donations of PPE and other medical equipment from various government bodies in China as well as the private sector. The donated items have been put to use in our dedicated health care system put in place to address COVID-19 patients, and has ultimately contributed positively to the mitigation of the spread of the virus.

Trinidad and Tobago and China have provided support to each other in the fight against the spread of the pandemic based on our longstanding relations, shared values, mutual respect and cooperation and we look forward to continued cooperation and collaboration. On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, and by extension, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I thank you.