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**CARICOM FOREIGN MINISTERS ENGAGE US SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS**

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Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) met virtually with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Mr. Antony Blinken, on April 21, 2021. The discussions focussed on the COVID-19 pandemic, including its effect on the economy and access to vaccines; economic recovery, climate change; democracy and human rights in the region; and ongoing cooperation in security.

In his intervention, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, reiterated CARICOM's commitment to democracy, human rights, good governance, liberty and the rule of law; and to the reduction of trafficking in arms, people and illicit goods nationally and regionally, and also expressed appreciation for the ongoing regional cooperation programmes administered by the USA. Minister Browne emphasized to the Secretary of State the important role of CARICOM in advancing diplomacy and dialogue to resolve regional and hemispheric challenges.

Both sides agreed to continue to strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest.



Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne participating in the Meeting between CARICOM Foreign Ministers and the United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

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