



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY PARTICIPATES IN CONSULTATION ON THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORISM**

**Port of Spain:** On Monday September 12, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. participated in a high-level dialogue at the first Meeting of Consultation of States Parties to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, hosted virtually by the Organization of American States (OAS).

The meeting was held under the theme "*Relevance of the Convention, current and emerging challenges, opportunities for cooperation*", and marked twenty (20) years since the adoption of the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism. The meeting facilitated discussions among States Parties to the Convention from across the Western Hemisphere, to take a critical look at their efforts to prevent, punish, and eliminate terrorism in the Hemisphere.

Minister Hinds noted that the meeting "*presented an opportunity to intensify efforts post COVID-19 pandemic under this international platform of cooperation; and for Trinidad and Tobago to demonstrate our strong commitment to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism.*" The Minister noted that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago continues to recognize the threat that violent extremism and terrorism pose to peace and security and strongly condemned terrorism in all its manifestations. He stated further, that the country has adopted a multi-pronged approach to combatting terrorism, including strengthening local Anti-terrorism legislation; enhancing operational capacity; and deepening collaboration with international partners in the areas of intelligence, coordination and capacity building. Minister Hinds also took the opportunity to pay his respects on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, United States of America.

States Parties reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and obligations reflected in the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, and agreed to continue to work collectively towards the full implementation of the Convention.

**Photo and caption:**



Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. participates in the Meeting of Consultation of States Parties to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism. The meeting was hosted virtually by the Organization of American States (OAS) on Monday September 12, 2022.

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