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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY'S COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT ADVANCES COLLABORATION WITH THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WITH SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Port of Spain: Efforts to strengthen cooperation between the Ministry of National Security's Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) and the Ministry of Finance's Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (FIUTT) are underway, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two parties. The MOU enables the sharing of information and intelligence for the purpose of investigating matters related to Trafficking in Persons (TiPs), money laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and other related criminal matters.

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Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph presided over the signing and was joined by Director (Ag.) of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Nigel Stoddard for a brief Signing Ceremony on Monday October 17, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Temple Court 1, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Discussions focused on enhancing the efficiency and thoroughness with which Human Trafficking matters are investigated and strengthening the national counter trafficking response.

Also in attendance were Deputy Director, Counter Trafficking Unit, Mrs. Kimoy Thomas-Williams; Data Analyst, Counter Trafficking Unit, Ms. Anushka Villaruel; Director of Legal Services, Financial Intelligence Unit, Ms. Kylene Dowden; and Legal Officer I, Financial Intelligence Unit, Ms. Franka Primus.

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Photo 1: *From left to right:* Director (Ag.), Financial Intelligence Unit, Mr. Nigel Stoddard and Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Monday October 17, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security’s Head Office at Temple Court 1, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.



Photo 2: *From Left to right:* Director of Legal Services, Financial Intelligence Unit, Ms. Kylene Dowden; Director (Ag.), Financial Intelligence Unit, Mr. Nigel Stoddard; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; and Deputy Director, Counter Trafficking Unit, Mrs. Kimoy Thomas-Williams. The Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony took place on Monday October 17, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security’s Head Office at Temple Court 1, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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