

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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MEDIA STATEMENT

EXTENSION TO THE YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Port of Spain – On Thursday May 4th, 2023, the Cabinet of Trinidad and Tobago, in accordance with Section 75 of the Police Service Act, Chapter 15:01, agreed and confirmed an extension to the years of service of Mrs Erla Harewood-Christopher, Commissioner of Police in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), for the period May 15th 2023, to May 24th 2024.

Mrs. Harewood-Christopher, who currently serves as Commissioner of Police as an officer in the First Division, will attain the compulsory retirement age of sixty (60) years on May 15th 2023.

According to Section 75 of the Police Service Act, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, where it is considered in the national interest, may extend the years of service of an officer in the First Division after the officer has reached the prescribed age of retirement.

This extension will be "for a period of one year in the first instance and thereafter, subject to an annual review, for a maximum of two further periods of one year each," according to the Act.

Action for the engagement of Her Excellency the President, in this regard, has ensued.

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