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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM BUSH, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

Port of Spain: On October 18, 2023 the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP; Minister of National Security, received a courtesy call from His Excellency William Bush, Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia at his office in the Ministry of National Security, 31-33 Abercromby Street , Port of Spain.

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Heidi Ariadne Cortés Acosta, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Columbia, Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Richard Lynch, Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security and Mr. Anthony Phillips-Spencer, International Affairs Officer, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security.

Minister Hinds highlighted that strong relations with our South American counterparts are critical to effectively combat transnational organized crime, particularly firearms trafficking, human trafficking, and narcotics trafficking, which affects both nations. Both Minister Hinds and Ambassador Bush acknowledged the fruitful cooperation between Trinidad and Tobago and Colombia, especially in the areas of law enforcement training and the exchange of information.

The meeting ended cordially, with Minister Hinds and Ambassador Bush committing to reinvigorating and deepening relations between the Ministry of National Security and Colombia in the near future.

PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS:



CAPTION: The Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP; Minister of National Security **(Left)** exchange tokens of appreciation with His Excellency William Bush, Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia, during a courtesy call at his office on 18th October, 2023, Ministry of National Security, 31-33 Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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