



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS OF THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE, EUROPEAN UNION**

**Port of Spain:** Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Affairs of the European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union (EU), Ms. Helena König, on Wednesday October 11, 2023.

Ms. König was introduced to the Minister by Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish, who was also present at the meeting. Ms. König is visiting Trinidad and Tobago as part of a high-level mission to a number of Caribbean countries to directly engage European Union partners in the region and advance bilateral relations.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Minister and Ms. König to engage in discussions on ongoing collaboration in defence and security matters, as well as on security-related technical assistance from the EU to Trinidad and Tobago. This engagement has been long-standing and mutually beneficial, and covers a range of issues, including terrorism, transnational organised crime and capacity-building for law enforcement.

Minister Hinds and Ms. König both highlighted the importance of collaborative work, at the level of national agencies, in conjunction with bilateral and multilateral engagements, in order to address the common threats to peace and security faced by all. Both parties also gave the assurance of continued collaboration and further strengthening relations, with a view to increasing public safety and security in Trinidad and Tobago.

The meeting took place at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. David Mogollón; Desk Officer, Americas

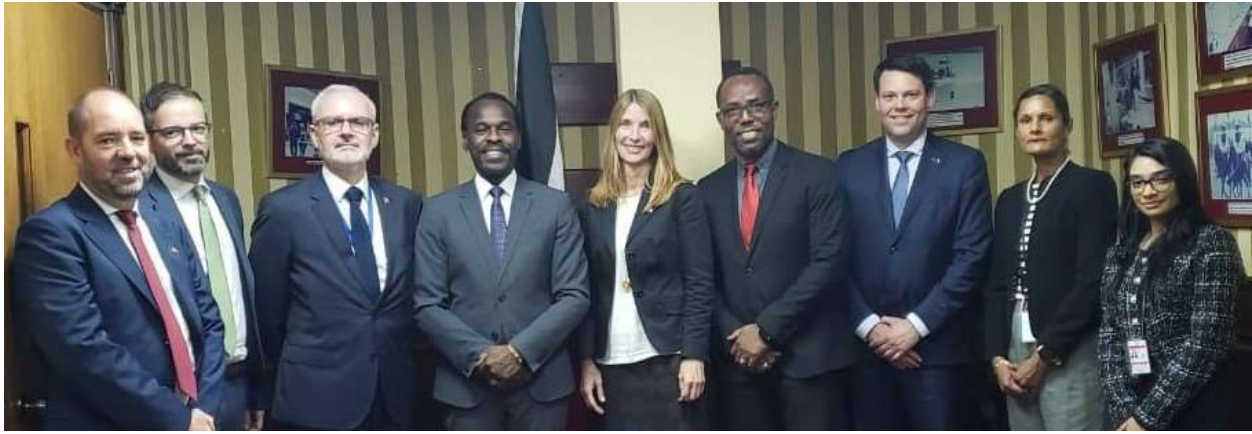
Division, EEAS, Mr. Tim Sauler; Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Sanjin Soldatić; and Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch.

**Photos and captions:**



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1. Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) hosted a meeting with Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Affairs of the European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union, Ms. Helena König (*right*) on Wednesday October 11, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.



2. ***From left to right:*** Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. David Mogollón; Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Sanjin Soldatić; Head of Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Peter Cavendish; Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Affairs of the European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union, Ms. Helena König; Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch; Desk Officer, Americas Division, EEAS, Mr. Tim Sauler; International Affairs Coordinator at the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Aneesa Israel and International Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynda Dhalai, at a meeting on Wednesday October 11, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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