



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES HANDHELD METAL DETECTORS FROM UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

Port of Spain: The Ministry of National Security received a donation of twenty (20) handheld metal detectors, from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), for use by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance.

The brief Handover Ceremony took place on Friday November 17, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan accepted the items on behalf of the Ministry of National Security from Head, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC, Ms. Simonetta Grassi.

The Permanent Secretary (Ag.) expressed gratitude to Ms. Grassi for the donation geared towards better equipping police officers and customs officers in the execution of their duties. She indicated that the donation is representative of the longstanding bilateral relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and the UNODC.

Ms. Grassi thanked Permanent Secretary (Ag.) Atiba-Dilchan for the warm welcome and expressed willingness to expand collaborative initiatives across Ministry of National Security Divisions.

Also in attendance at the Handover Ceremony were Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Global Firearms Trafficking Programme, UNODC, Mr. Roberto Rodriguez Codesal and Acting Assistant Commissioner of Police, Tactical Support, Mr. Kelvern Thompson.

The UNODC provided the scanners as part of its continued support to Trinidad and Tobago, as a participating member of the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap project. This project is funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and aims to reduce crime and violence in the region, by countering the illicit circulation and misuse of firearms and ammunition in activities associated with transnational organized crime.

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1. Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan (*right*) accepts twenty (20) handheld metal detectors, from Head, Global Firearms Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ms. Simonetta Grassi, for use by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance. A brief Handover Ceremony took place on Friday November 17, 2023 at the Ministry of National Security's Head Office, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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2. **From left to right:** Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Global Firearms Trafficking Programme, UNODC, Mr. Roberto Rodriguez Codesal; Head, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC, Ms. Simonetta Grassi; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan; and Acting Assistant Commissioner of Police, Tactical Support, Mr. Kelvern Thompson.

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