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## MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN IN THE PROTECTIVE SERVICE

**Port-of-Spain** [April 18, 2024]: The Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P, paid glowing tribute to women across all National Security platforms, at the Official Launch of the Women in Service and Protection (W.I.S.A.P) Non-Profit Association on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 at the Ministry of National Security.

Delivering the feature address, Minister Hinds stated:“ Our women in National Security continue to champion community policing initiatives; lead critical investigations; manage critical security assets; function optimally in the recruit training environment; or pilot aerial assets. As women you demonstrate exceptional professionalism and leadership, bringing a unique perspective to law enforcement and the military; while fostering trust and collaborating within our communities”.

The “Women In Service and Protection” (WISAP) is a non-profit association for women in law enforcement; and includes agencies such as the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service (TTPrS), the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS), the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), Customs and Excise Division, the Immigration Division, the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and the Airport Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT).

Minister Hinds went on to affirm that, from the very first day women entered law enforcement, military and para-military ranks, to the day many stepped into senior roles, serving at the highest ranks in national security, Trinidad and Tobago has benefitted from their distinguished service and commitment.



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The Minister took the opportunity to commend the women of WISAP for their selfless commitment to duty and their resilience, over their years, in service to Trinidad and Tobago; and shared that, "as we celebrate your achievements, we must also look to the future, a future of even greater opportunities for women in service! We must continue to empower, encourage and uplift our women, both in our services, and out. We must continue to create pathways for growth and development, ensuring equal opportunities for all."

Also attending the official launch of WISAP were Chief of Defence Staff, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel; Commissioner of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Mrs. Erla Harewood-Christopher; Commissioner of Prisons, Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar; Chief Fire Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, Mr. Arnold Bristo; Chief Immigration Officer, Immigration Division, Mrs. Vera Persad and Deputy Comptroller of Corporate Services, Customs and Excise Division, Ms. Savatri Ramjit.

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**(From Left to Right Seated)** Strategic Training and Development Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police Service, Senior Superintendent of Police, Mr. Curtis Belford; Chief Fire Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, Mr. Arnold Bristo; Chief Immigration Officer, Immigration Division, Ms. Vera Persad; Commissioner of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Ms. Erla Harewood-Christopher; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P; Chief of Defence Staff, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel; Deputy Comptroller of Corporate Services, Customs and Excise Division, Ms. Savatri Ramjit and Commissioner of Prisons, Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, Mr. Deopersad Ramoutar; flanked by members of the Women In Service and Protection (WISAP) Association, during the official launch of WISAP on Wednesday April 17, 2024.



**(From Left to Right)** Deputy Comptroller of Corporate Services, Customs and Excise Division, Ms. Savatri Ramjit; Commissioner of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Ms. Erla Harewood-Christopher; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; and Chief Immigration Officer, Immigration Division, Ms. Vera Persad, during the official launch of WISAP on Wednesday April 17, 2024.