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Minister Hinds Meets with MNS Counter Trafficking Unit to Address Trafficking in Persons (TIPs) Report

Port of Spain [August 22, 2024]: The Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, Minister of National Security, convened a meeting with the Directorate and staff of the Counter Trafficking Unit, Ministry of National Security on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. The meeting focused on a review of the recent Trafficking in Persons (TIPs) Report, issued by the U.S. Department of State on July 11, 2024.

Key areas of focus included, Screening and Protection; Evidence Collection; Strengthening Partnerships and Collaborations with Non-Profit Organizations, to bolster anti-trafficking efforts; Sensitization of the Public and expanding the categories of persons who can identify indicators of human trafficking victimhood; and Enhancing techniques for increased Investigations and Prosecution of human trafficking offenders.

Minister Hinds reaffirmed the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago's unwavering commitment to combating human trafficking. He emphasized that this issue is not only a legal and moral obligation, but also one of upholding the freedom, dignity and rights of every individual within our borders.

He stated, "We are dedicated to implementing the recommendations of the U.S. Department of State, to ensure our country is in alignment with international best standards." "Our goal is to enhance our compliance and elevate our standing in the TIPs Report, to full compliance."

On July 11, 2024, Trinidad and Tobago was upgraded to Tier 2 in the TIPs Report ranking, reflecting progress in addressing human trafficking.




Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, M.P. meets with the Directorate and staff of the MNS Counter Trafficking Unit on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the Ministry of National Security Head Office, located at Temple Court I, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

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