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**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
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**T&T Chamber welcomes end of curfew**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce welcomes the immediate end of the curfew on both land and sea, as announced by the Prime Minister during the news conference today (November 7, 2011).

Our feedback has shown that the business community under the Chamber's purview – particularly the smaller organisations and those within the hospitality industry – has endured significant losses directly due to the curfew, which had been imposed since August 21, and with the result being that those least able to afford it had been the hardest hit. This then prompted our recent call for a review by the National Security Council of the benefits of the continuance of the curfew.

While we accept that there has been a significant reduction in serious offenses during the period of the SoE and curfew as the statistics have indicated, the Chamber's position remains, as always, supportive of the State of Emergency as only **one** of the government's crime fighting tools. We are hopeful that the additional measures and initiatives stated by the Prime Minister

will ensure some level of sustainability in the reduction in crime, now and even after the end of the SOE.

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