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CHAMBER WELCOMES MOVE BY AG TO ADDRESS CALDER HART MATTER

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce has always stood for good governance and supports strong governance practices and the enforcement of same, within our State and private enterprises.

With the above in mind, we are heartened by recent media reports that legal action is being taken by the Attorney General with regard to the Calder Hart allegations and are also in support of any course of action that will move this process along toward a quick resolution.

We note however, that the reported action being taken against Mr. Hart by the Attorney General is being taken more than two years following the Commission of Enquiry into UDeCOTT and the public construction sector. We hope that any action brought against Mr. Hart by the State will not be dragged out for another few years, but will, rather, be dealt with in a timely manner, so that the matter may finally be put to rest without further strain on the public coffers.

We use this opportunity to repeat our national call for adherence to principles of good corporate governance, discipline and accountability. Many of the challenges faced by Trinidad and Tobago within recent years which have impacted on our country's competitiveness, have been underpinned by repeating themes of the need for accountability and transparency.

Any person found to have committed corporate wrongdoings, MUST be held to account and we call on the authorities to move swiftly to execute the level of justice that our public expects especially in instances where public moneys may have been misspent.

If members of our society – and particularly our business leaders – do not have a sense of what is right and wrong, we will constantly be putting out fires, all at the country's expense.

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