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### **CHAMBER NOT IN FAVOUR OF NATIONAL SHUTDOWN**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce wishes to reiterate that it is not in favour of any shutdown of commercial activity as is being threatened by various labour unions. Any such industrial action could only serve to hurt the country's fragile economy and damage confidence perceptions. It will negatively impact not only the Government and Business, but members of the very unions whose interests are being sought.

Instead, the Chamber urges all parties to return to the negotiating table in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Relations Act, and failing which, the matter should be referred to the Industrial Court. The application of restraint and calm are needed to move negotiations forward.

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