



## JOINT CHAMBERS MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JOINT CHAMBERS AND PCA DISCUSS CRIME STRATEGY SOLUTIONS**

The Joint Chambers maintain the view that crime, and in particular violent crimes, continues to spiral out of control and is the single biggest deterrent to investment in, and to doing business in Trinidad and Tobago and addressing this issue must be the number one priority of the Government.

As the Joint Chambers continue to do their part to build consensus around workable measures to reduce crime, the group met with the Police Complaints Authority (PCA) on May 24, at the T&T Chamber's office, Columbus Circle, Westmoorings to discuss measures and solutions related to detection and crime fighting.

PCA's Director David West and Deputy Director Michelle Solomon-Baksh discussed the roles, powers and functions of the Authority. The collective group also discussed possible areas of collaboration, policy, legislative and operational measures that can be implemented to support the operations of the TTPS.

The Joint Chambers agreed that the continued strengthening of the PCA as an independent institution plays a significant role in the overall crime fighting strategy which can effectively serve the needs of the population and manage crime.

Other areas of interest included but were not limited to body and vehicle cameras for police officers, strengthening the witness protection programme, adherence to the one door policy for the reporting of incidents to the Police, improved case management, training and development, among others.

The Joint Chambers in its commitment to assist with crime reduction has met with other key stakeholders including the Opposition UNC among others in the recent past. We look forward to meeting with the Commissioner of Police, the Government, inclusive of the Prime Minister and

Minister of National Security and other agencies, as we work toward finding solutions that result in greater citizen security and an improved business environment, conducive to more investment.

The Joint Chambers is made up of the American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago (AMCHAM T&T), the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber) and the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA).

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