

MEDIA STATEMENT

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GUYANA AND VENEZUELA BORDER DISPUTE

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce is concerned about the recent events in the border dispute. Knowing that United Nations' International Court of Justice passed its ruling in favour of Guyana and that Venezuela held its referendum should have signaled the need for urgent dialogue between both countries.

Our region has a rich history of cooperation and collaboration in the best interest of our people. We believe that CARICOM and other such actors must be involved to engage both countries and pave the way for discussions with the intention of ensuring the preservation of peace. The Essequibo region represents just over two-thirds of the geographic space and approximately fifteen percent of the population of Guyana as a country.

The advances by Venezuela are very concerning and unnerving and we hope that intervention by the relevant multilateral actors will allow for a speedy and amicable resolution

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