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### MEDIA RELEASE

## FIUTT SIGNS MOU WITH THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY'S COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT

**Port of Spain:** On October 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (“the FIUTT”) signed an MOU with the Ministry of National Security’s Counter Trafficking Unit to strengthen both entities ability to share information and intelligence for the purpose of investigating matters relating to Trafficking in Persons (TiPs), Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and other related criminal acts.

The MOU was signed by Mr Gary Joseph, Permanent Secretary (Ag) of the Ministry of National Security and Mr Nigel Stoddard, Director (Ag) of the FIUTT at the Ministry of National Security’s Temple Court, Head Office premises.

Talks strategically zeroed in on the thoroughness and efficiency with which Human Trafficking matters are investigated. The strengthening of the national counter trafficking response also formed part of the discussions.

This important collaborative effort was also attended by Mrs. Kimoy Thomas-Williams, Deputy Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit and Ms. Anushka Villaruel, Data Analyst of the Counter Trafficking Unit. Ms. Kylene Dowden, Director of Legal Services of the FIUTT and Ms. Franka Primus, Legal Officer I at the FIUTT were also present.

**Dated October 19, 2022**

**Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago**



**Photo 1:** Left to right Mr. Nigel Stoddard, Director (Ag), of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago and Mr. Gary Joseph, Permanent Secretary (Ag) of Ministry of National Security signing the MOU.



**Photo 2:** Left to right Ms. Franka Primus, Legal Officer I, Ms. Kylene Dowden, Director Legal Services and Mr. Nigel Stoddard, Director (Ag), of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Gary Joseph, Permanent Secretary (Ag) of Ministry of National Security, Ms. Kimoy Thomas, Deputy Director Counter Trafficking Unit and Ms. Anushka Villaruel, Data Analyst of the Counter Trafficking Unit after signing the MOU.