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Caribbean Financial Action Task Force's (CFATF) 46th Plenary Session

The Honourable Attorney General led a delegation to the CFATF's 46th Plenary in Georgetown, Guyana during the period Nov 12 - 16. The Plenary addressed critical issues of regional mechanisms to combat money laundering, terrorism financing and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The 4th Round Mutual Evaluation of Barbados was adopted, as were amendments to strengthen the process of mutual evaluation by CFATF.

Trinidad and Tobago as co-Chair of the Working Group on FAFT Issues (WGFI) played a key role in the discussion of the priority issues of the Barbados MER during the working group meeting and the Plenary discussions together with a summary of the outcomes from the FATF PDG, ECG, & GNCG working groups.

While Trinidad and Tobago was scheduled to exit the Steering Group of CFATF in its capacity of former Chair, the Plenary unanimously decided that Trinidad and Tobago should continue as a member of the Steering Group. By extension Trinidad and Tobago continues to serve on the planning, budget and audit and human resource committees of CFATF. As Chair of CFATF's Planning Committee T&T also continues work on operationalisation of CFATF's strategic plan 2018-2022.

Trinidad and Tobago as Immediate Past Chair formed an integral part of the tripartite head of CFATF, which includes the Chair and Deputy Chair. During this Plenary the tripartite has been

able to bring to a close critical institutional strengthening, crystallising efforts begun two years ago under AG Al-Rawi's chairmanship.

While in Guyana the Honourable Attorney General witnessed the signing of a MOU on international cooperation and exchange of financial intelligence between the UNIF of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the FIUTT. Superintendent Antonio Jose Morales Rodrigues signed on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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