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MEDIA RELEASE

Minister Olivierre Heads T&T Delegation at the 3rd GECF Summit in Tehran

The Honourable Nicole Olivierre M.P, Minister of Energy & Energy Industries, led a delegation from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Islamic Republic of Iran to attend the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) and its related meetings (4th High Level Ad Hoc Group (HLAHG) Meeting, Informal Executive Board Meeting, 17th Ministerial Meeting and an Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting) that took place over the period November 20th- 23rd, 2015 in Tehran.

The delegation comprised Mr. Selwyn Lashley - Permanent Secretary, Ms. Olivia Bertrand - Policy and International Relations Officer, Mr. Gerry Brooks – NGC Chairman, Professor Andrew Jupiter – Petrotrin’s Chairman and NGC Board Member and Mr. Frank Look Kin – NGC’s Technical Advisor.

The Third GECF Summit was attended by Heads of State and Government of the following countries: The Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Republic of Iraq, the Republic of Turkmenistan and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria. The meeting was chaired by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Dr. Hassan Rouhani.

The Tehran Declaration which was adopted at the Third GECF Summit promotes natural gas as the fuel of choice in achieving sustainable development goals. The GECF used the opportunity of the Third GECF Summit to deliver a strategic message to the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) that is currently taking place in Paris, France. The message, annexed to the Declaration, acknowledges the challenges posed by climate change and global warming and the delicate task of achieving economic development in a sustainable manner.

In addition to the formal agenda, the Third GECF Summit and its related meetings presented the Trinidad and Tobago delegation with the opportunity to engage other Ministers of Energy and their

delegations in bilateral meetings with the aim of building partnerships, leveraging resources and influencing decision-making within a global context.

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Caption:

Energy Minister Nicole Olivierre (top row, 5th from left) is captured here with Heads of State and Ministers of Energy of the GECF member countries

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