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Energy Minister Khan leads delegation at the 4th Gas Summit of the GECF

Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries, led a delegation from Trinidad and Tobago that participated in the 4th Gas Summit of the Gas Exporting Companies Forum (GECF) and related meetings during the period November 21 to 24, 2017 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.



Hosted by His Excellency (HE) Evo Morales, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the 4th Gas Summit was attended by Algeria, Bolivia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela as well as Azerbaijan, Iraq, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Norway, Oman and Peru as Observers.

The Heads of State and Government, and Heads of Delegations exchanged views on developments in the international gas markets.

The Summit affords GECF Member Countries the opportunity to discuss, at the highest level, the developments, trends, and policies on energy in general, and gas in particular, and also to reaffirm their continued support to the objectives of the Forum. The outcome of the Summit was the Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Previous GECF Gas Summits were held in Qatar in 2011, Moscow in 2013 and in Iran in 2015.

The Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations of the GECF Member countries extended their appreciation to His Excellency, Evo Morales, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and to the People and High authorities of the city of Santa Cruz for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Summit.



As a related meeting to the 4th Gas Summit, the 1st GECF International Gas Seminar was held on November 22, 2017. Minister Franklin Khan delivered remarks as a member of a panel that discussed “the Role and Contribution of Gas to Clean Environment and Sustainable Development Goals”.



Additionally, at the sidelines of the 4th Gas Summit of the GECF, Minister Franklin Khan held a bilateral meeting with the Minister of the People’s Power of Petroleum and Mining of Venezuela, HE Minister

Eulogio Del Pino. Discussions at this meeting focused on the progression of development of all cross border hydrocarbon reservoirs, in particular, the Loran-Manatee and the Cocuina-Manakin Cross-Border Fields and the advancement of the supply of natural gas from the Dragon Field across the Venezuela-Trinidad and Tobago maritime border.

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