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Trinidad and Tobago's Energy Minister Franklin Khan hosts meeting with the Secretary General of Gas Exporting Countries Forum

Energy Minister Franklin Khan, together with his team of Ministry officials comprising the acting Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Penelope Bradshaw-Niles and Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board- GECF, Mr. Selwyn Lashley, met with H.E. Dr. Yury Sentyurin – Secretary General of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) at the Minister's Port-of-Spain office. The Secretary General of the GECF, Yury P. Sentyurin, PhD is conducting a familiarization visit to Trinidad and Tobago during the period June 7 to 10, 2018 to discuss the preparations for the staging of the 20th Ministerial Meeting of the GECF to be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad from November 12 to 14, 2018.

Senator the Honourable Minister Franklin Khan, was appointed the President of the Ministerial Meeting of The Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) for 2018. Accordingly, the Government has agreed to hold the 20th Ministerial Meeting of the GECF at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago during the period November 12 - 14, 2018. Trinidad and Tobago is a foundation member of the GECF and previously hosted the 5th Ministerial Meeting in April 2005. Dr. Sentyurin expressed the sentiments that GECF is commemorating its 10th year of

establishment, and as such this year's Ministerial Meeting holds great significance. He also noted that Senator Franklin Khan was the only Minister in the GECF, who was also a Member of Parliament. This was significant as natural gas export issues for most countries were based in the law and approved by the legislative arm of government.

Among the matters raised at the discussion were the details of a natural gas symposium to be held in the margins of the Ministerial Meeting, to which Ministers of Energy from CARICOM and Latin America are to be invited to participate. The three-day programme comprises a Data Exchange Workshop and the Executive Board Meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018, a Natural Gas Symposium on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and the 20th Ministerial Meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2018.

Energy Ministers from the following countries are expected to attend the 20th Ministerial Meeting: GECF Members Algeria, Bolivia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Observer countries Azerbaijan, Iraq, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Norway, Oman and Peru.



Caption: Energy Minister Franklin Khan (L) and His Excellency Dr. Yury Sentyurin exchange tokens before their meeting

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