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## MINISTER YOUNG MEETS WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER

The Honourable Stuart R. Young S.C., M.P. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister along with Ms. Penelope Bradshaw-Niles, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, met with His Excellency Jon Dean, newly appointed British High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; and Ms. Chinali Patel, Head Political, Economic and Press of the High Commission and Acting Deputy High Commissioner. The meeting took place on 28th January, 2025 at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries' Head Office, Port-of-Spain.

At the meeting, the parties discussed collaboration in energy related matters, investment opportunities, energy security and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Minister Young noted that there are opportunities for Trinidad and Tobago to support the energy security of Europe as this country has the ability to export Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), ammonia, fertilizer and methanol globally.

Turning to renewable energy, Minister Young highlighted the ongoing renewable energy initiatives in Trinidad and Tobago such as the deployment of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) devices to measure wind data and the construction of an industrial-scale solar farm at Brechin Castle.

Minister Young also emphasized the significance of the two British based oil and gas companies, Shell PLC and bp PLC to both countries.

His Excellency Jon Dean stated that Trinidad and Tobago has been identified as having major potential for renewable energy in the Caribbean, in particular wind energy. His Excellency Jon Dean went on to further underscore the shared history, culture and commercial links between The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom and assured Minister Young that

he will advocate for Trinidad and Tobago in the areas of economic cooperation, trade and investment.

His Excellency Jon Dean took up the appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in December 2024, The Honourable Stuart R. Young S.C. warmly welcomed His Excellency to Trinidad and Tobago and both parties agreed to actively work together to positively secure a mutually beneficial, long-term, and sustainable relationship.

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The Honourable Stuart R. Young S.C., M.P. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister and His Excellency Jon Dean, British High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.