Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Homeland Security

MEDIA RELEASE

Minister of Homeland Security Receives Draft National Cyber Incident Response Policy from European Union

5 November 2026: The Minister of Homeland Security, the Honourable Roger Alexander, MP, today received the draft National Cyber Incident Response Policy from representatives of the European Union (EU), marking an important step in Trinidad and Tobago's ongoing efforts to strengthen national cybersecurity, protect critical infrastructure and improve the country's preparedness to respond to cyber threats.

The draft policy was formally presented by Mr. Pelayo Castro, Director for the Americas at the European External Action Service (EEAS), accompanied by Her Excellency Cécile Tassin, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and Mr. David Mogollón, Head of Partnerships at the European Union Delegation.

The draft policy was developed through collaboration between Trinidad and Tobago and the European Union, with support from the EU-funded Latin America and Caribbean Cyber Competence Centre (LAC4) Programme, which assists countries across the region in strengthening cybersecurity governance, technical capabilities and resilience against emerging cyber threats.

Since joining the LAC4 Programme in July 2026, Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Homeland Security and the Trinidad and Tobago Cyber Security Incident Response Team (TT-CSIRT), has engaged with EU-supported experts in advancing the development of the draft policy.

The proposed National Cyber Incident Response Policy is intended to establish a more coordinated and structured national approach to managing significant cybersecurity incidents, including cyberattacks that may disrupt government systems, critical infrastructure and essential services.

Once finalized and approved, the policy is expected to provide clearer guidance on the roles and responsibilities of relevant agencies, strengthen information-sharing and interagency coordination, and support more timely and effective responses to major cyber incidents.

Minister Alexander welcomed the continued partnership between Trinidad and Tobago and the European Union, recognizing the importance of international cooperation in addressing increasingly complex cybersecurity threats.

The Ministry emphasized that strengthening national cybersecurity is essential not only to protecting government information and systems, but also to safeguarding the services on which citizens, businesses and communities depend.

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The handover represents a significant milestone in the policy development process. The draft will be subject to further review and consultation with relevant national stakeholders to ensure that the proposed framework reflects Trinidad and Tobago's operational requirements, institutional responsibilities and national cybersecurity priorities before finalization and consideration for approval.

The Ministry of Homeland Security extends its appreciation to the European Union and the LAC4 Programme for their continued technical support and partnership in advancing Trinidad and Tobago's cybersecurity capabilities and strengthening national resilience.

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