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Subject: Accreditations
 – Appointment of H.E. Mr Colin Michael CONNELLY as the Head of
 Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the European
 Union to replace H.E. Ms Margaret Allison King-Rousseau

With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago intends to appoint H.E. Mr Colin Michael CONNELLY as Head of Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the European Union to replace H.E. Ms Margaret Allison King-Rousseau.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 9 December 2016 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the European Union and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr Colin Michael CONNELLY.

Jepppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago presents its compliments to the European External Action Service and has the honour to request Agrément for the appointment of His Excellency Colin Connelly as Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the European Union, with residence in Brussels, Belgium.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs has the further honour to submit herewith a copy of the curriculum vitae and the bio-data page of the passport of the Ambassador-designate for the kind consideration of the appropriate authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European External Action Service the assurances of its highest consideration.

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: COLIN MICHAEL CONNELLY
DATE OF BIRTH: December 21,1961
COUNTRY OF BIRTH: Trinidad and Tobago
MARITAL STATUS: Mrs Nicole Connelly (spouse); Mr Jelani Connelly (son)

EDUCATION:

- Master of Arts - International Security Studies, University of Leicester, England, July 10, 2012;
- Online Certificate - Negotiating for Conflict and Dispute Resolution, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), November 3-29, 2008;
- Diploma - Education, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine Campus), July 1, 1993;
- Diploma - International Relations, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine Campus), November 1, 1988;
- Bachelor of Arts - History, Language, Literature, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine Campus), August 1, 1986.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

- October 1999 to Present;
- Current Position - **Foreign Service Officer IV**

Assignments at Headquarters

- **Desk Officer**, Protocol and Consular Division, 1999-2000;
- **Desk Officer**, Africa, Asia, Middle East and Pacific Division, 2000-2004;
- (Director (Ag.), Africa, Asia, Middle East and Pacific Division, 2003/2004);
- **Desk Officer**, Africa, Asia, Middle East and Pacific Division, July 2012 - August 2014;
- *(At date of CV, only active Officer in the Ministry with comprehensive knowledge and experience about bilateral relations between Trinidad and Tobago and key West African countries such as Nigeria and Ghana);*
- **Ag. Chief of Protocol** on three (3) occasions between November 2012 and February 2014.
- Established **International Security Unit**, April 2013 - August 2014, Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, further to a recommendation contained in a 2006 Review of the Foreign Policy of Trinidad and Tobago because it was recognized that security challenges were multidimensional and inter-dependent and the Ministry needed to develop a dedicated desk to address international security issues. This Unit functioned concurrently with duties as Desk Officer in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Pacific Division.

Assignments at Missions

- **First Secretary**, High Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, London, United Kingdom, December 2004 to August 2007;
- **Counsellor**, High Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Abuja, Nigeria, August 2007 to July 2012;
(**Deputy High Commissioner**, High Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Abuja, Nigeria, July 2009 - February 2010);
- **Counsellor**, Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Washington D.C., United States, August 20, 2014- Present;
(**Chargé d'Affaires a.i.**, Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Washington D.C., United States, August 15, 2015 - Present).

Ministry of Education

- **Secondary School Teacher**, English Language, English Literature, History, September 1988 to October 1999;

National Insurance Board

Clerical Officer, National Insurance Board, 1981-1982; Holidays 1983-1986 approx.

MILITARY BACKGROUND:

- **Lieutenant**, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves, 2005 to Present;
- Private/Lance Corporal, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves, 1995 to 2005.

SECURITY-RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- Ministry's representative on a Working Team to draft a National Security Policy and Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, January 2014 - August 2014;
- Regional Workshop on National Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention for Central America and the Caribbean, November 13-14, 2013, Mexico;
- Regional Workshop on the Development of Enforcement Branch Responses to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) emergencies for CARICOM Member States, Jamaica, July 10-11, 2013;
- XV High-Level Meeting of the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, June 13-14, 2013, Ecuador;
- Ministry's representative on a Committee to draft a National Bioterrorism Response Plan, May-August 2013.

SECURITY-RELATED COURSE ATTENDED:

Incident Command System 100 and 200, Trinidad and Tobago, November 19-21, 2013

MAJOR COURSES ATTENDED:

- "Understanding Modern China", Foreign Service Institute, Beijing, China, May 2001;
- 30th Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats, Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, India, March 4 - April 12, 2002.

SKILLS

Very good communication skills;

Diplomatic experience;

Excellent Work Ethic;

Held numerous positions of responsibility in the Ministry

MAJOR INTERESTS

International security;

Development of Trinidad and Tobago/Africa (West) relations

HOBBIES

Reading, Sports, Travelling.
