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**MINISTER OF DEFENCE RECEIVES COURTESY CALL FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) CARACAS
REGIONAL DELEGATION**

Port of Spain: On Wednesday 15, October 2026, the Honourable Wayne Sturge Minister of Defence, received a courtesy call from Ms. Valérie Aubert, Head of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Caracas Delegation, and Brigadier General (Ret'd) Lloyd Gillett, ICRC Regional Delegate to the Armed Forces, at the office of the Ministry of Defence, Abercromby Street, Port of Spain.

Ms. Aubert advised that an ICRC delegation was on mission in Trinidad and Tobago for the Seminar on *Strengthening Preventive Measures with the ICRC*, being hosted in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) over the period October 13–15, 2026. In this regard, the Honourable Minister expressed appreciation for the support provided by the ICRC Regional Delegation and conveyed interest in future initiatives, particularly in the area of training in International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

Discussions also explored potential areas for further engagement, including forensic support, Trinidad and Tobago's participation in a drone training exercise and other matters of shared interest.

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Narine Charran, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence; Mr. Stefan Affonso, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management; and Brigadier General (Ret'd) Dexter Francis, National Director for Counter Terrorism.

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