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LISTING OF SHANE CRAWFORD UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS 1267 ISIL (DA'ESH) & AL-QAIDA SANCTIONS LIST

The Attorney General is pleased to inform that yesterday, August 18, 2017, the **United Nations ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee designated a Trinidad and Tobago national, Shane Dominic Crawford, as an individual on the United Nations 1267 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List.** This is a list of individuals and entities against whom targeted financial sanctions are applied by the United Nations and its Members.

The listing of Mr. Crawford was made pursuant to a proposal submitted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and advanced through close cooperation with our key international allies. This follows the Attorney General having obtained an Order from the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago on March 31, 2017, declaring Shane Dominic Crawford a listed entity and ordering that his funds be frozen pursuant to the provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07.

This milestone was achieved as a result of this Government's strategy initiated in November 2015 with the establishment of an Anti-Terrorism Desk by the Attorney General to serve as the authorized facilitating hub for tight coordination among domestic legal, law enforcement and intelligence agencies and collaboration with our international partners. This has resulted in the granting of High Court orders in Trinidad and Tobago against a total of 342 individuals and entities since November 2015 including 6 with a nexus to Trinidad and Tobago. In September 2015 there were no listings which reflected poorly in the 4th Round Mutual Evaluation of Trinidad and Tobago by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force.

The Attorney General confirms that other applications under the Anti Terrorism Act of Trinidad and Tobago are currently before the courts, and that further listings and other actions are under consideration. All relevant State agencies continue to work assiduously towards completing necessary investigations. This process has also advanced active investigations to support criminal charges for terrorism and terrorist financing offences. The listings allow the active pursuit of monies, funds and assets of all listed entities, which is ongoing.

The addition of Mr. Crawford to the ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List is thus another significant step in Trinidad and Tobago's contribution to the fight against global terror. The Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago remain committed to standing shoulder to shoulder with our international allies in arresting the scourge of international terrorism. We shall continue to be diligent in the vigorous protection of all the peoples and interests of Trinidad and Tobago.

We commend the Anti Terrorism Desk at the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, the Ministers of National Security and Foreign and CARICOM Affairs as well as all law enforcement agencies and our international partners for the excellent work and continued effort in securing the interests of Trinidad and Tobago.

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