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MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY MEETS WITH A MARTINIQUE DELEGATION TO FURTHER COOPERATION IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

November 11, 2022:- On 09 November 2022, Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry, met with a delegation from France, which included Mr. Alexandre Ventadour, Chairman of the Commission for Attractiveness, Economic Development, Digital and Tourism Commission of Martinique; His Excellency Didier Chabert, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of France to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; and Mr. Jean-Yves LaCascade, External action and territorial diplomacy Advisor to the President of the Executive Council of the Martinique Territorial Authority.

The Martinique representatives expressed interest in increasing linkages with Trinidad and Tobago in areas such as culture, tourism, manufacturing and agriculture. Mr. Ventadour also indicated interest in Martinique exploring an Agreement with Trinidad and Tobago to increase functional cooperation on trade within the parameters established under French law. He also underscored the value of establishing direct flights between Trinidad and Tobago and Martinique, which would further reinforce relations.

The main exports from Trinidad and Tobago to Martinique are energy-related products and food and beverages, while the top imports from Martinique over the past two years comprised mainly granules/chippings/powder of stones, and crushed stones.

Minister Gopee-Scoon reiterated her support to explore possibilities to improve trade, investment and cultural ties including a Trade Mission to Martinique in the near future.

The meeting took place following the Opening Ceremony of the Caribbean Investment Forum held from 08 to 11 November 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad.

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