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TRADE MINISTER TO CHAIR AT COTED MEETING

November 08, 2017: Trinidad and Tobago is participating in the Forty-Fifth Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) on November 6-10, 2017, Georgetown, Guyana. Senator the Honourable, Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry, is leading a delegation comprising Senior Officials of the Ministry of Trade and Industry; Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries as well as representatives from the private sector. Minister Gopee-Scoon is scheduled to Chair the Ministerial Session and the Meeting of Officials of the Forty-Fifth Meeting of the Regular COTED. Senator Gopee-Scoon will join Mr. Norris Herbert, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry who has been in Guyana and Chaired the Preparatory Meetings of Officials during the period November 6-7, 2017 ahead of the Ministerial Session.

The agenda items to be discussed include: implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME); Trade in Goods; Agriculture (market access); External Economic and Trade Relations; Regional Quality Policy and CARICOM's Competition Commission.

The delegation's participation in this meeting will ensure that national interests are adequately addressed and national positions in identified areas are fully incorporated into regional plans and policies. COTED also provides the opportunity for Trinidad and Tobago to assume a leadership role in regional integration and the development and growth of CARICOM.

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