

On February 6th 2024, **United States Ambassador Candace** Bond formally donated four explosive trace detection (ETD) machines to the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the Authority) on behalf of the U.S. Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) at the Piarco International Airport. The ETD devices serve as an additional security-screening layer for passengers and enhance the detection of suspected explosives on carry-on baggage



Ambassador Bond stated, "This security enhancement will minimize threats to transportation security and upgrade the overall screening experience for passengers. I am delighted we can roll this out just at the start of the increased commercial travel period during Carnival, and that the benefits to travelers to and from Trinidad and Tobago will last for years to come.".

Minister of Works and Transport, the Honourable Senator Rohan Sinanan at the formal hand over ceremony, thanked the United States Embassy for the donation. He stated "the Authority and the security services of the United States of America have always worked very closely and we intend to continue that. We have always welcomed your support".