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Senator Eli Zakour Holds Discussions with AATT

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MEDIA RELEASE

Senator the Honourable Eli Zakour, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, held critical discussions with the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the Authority) on Monday 12 May 2025. The meeting provided a detailed overview of the Authority's strategic operations aimed at driving transformation and growth, and forms part of the Minister's ongoing engagement series with State Agencies under the newly established Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Despite the local aviation sector's notable achievements, including expanded air service routes, World Travel Markets Awards, and leadership in aviation safety and security compliance, Minister Zakour highlighted critical areas requiring immediate enhancement. Minister Zakour specifically stressed the need for improved coordination with the Immigration and the Customs and Excise Divisions, the integration of modern technology and improved parking logistics. These improvements, he noted, would significantly increase operational efficiency, enhance the overall customer experience, and position Trinidad and Tobago as a viable destination for air carriers.

Top Strategic Priorities Emerging from the Meeting included:

1. **Seamless Passenger Processing:** Convening an inter-ministerial meeting to improve coordination with Immigration and Customs and Excise to streamline airport operations.



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2. Boosting Cargo Traffic: Attracting international cargo carriers to diversify revenue and establish Trinidad and Tobago as a regional logistics hub.
3. Modernized Parking Solutions: Upgrading parking infrastructure to enhance convenience for travellers and improve the overall airport experience.
4. Integration of modern technology to improve faster processing of passengers.

At the close of the discussions, Minister Zakour reaffirmed his commitment to continuous engagement, innovation, and collaborative planning as the aviation industry enters a new era of development.



Senator the Honourable Eli Zakour, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (right) greets Hayden Newton, General Manager, Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago following their meeting to discuss operations at the AATT



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Senator the Honourable Eli Zakour Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation with Members of AATT's Executive Team

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