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MEDIA RELEASE

U.S. EMBASSY DONATES VEHICLE TO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS

On September 19, 2025, Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) formally received a vehicle donated by the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) through the U.S. Embassy in Trinidad and Tobago. The brand-new SUV will be assigned to the Authority’s Compliance and Quality Control Department, and will significantly strengthen mobility and operational capacity in aviation security enforcement.

The donation ceremony demonstrated the partnership, trust, and shared commitment to aviation security between the United States of America and Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Hayden Newton, General Manager of the Authority said, “Over the years, the TSA has consistently supported Trinidad and Tobago’s aviation security framework through the donation of advanced screening equipment and technical resources. For us at the Airports Authority, aviation security is not a box to be ticked; it is the backbone of our industry and the guarantee of our credibility as a safe, reliable hub in the Caribbean. The TSA has proven to be a valuable and dependable partner, sharing not just resources, but also the vision of safe skies and secure gateways for all.”

Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Charlie J. Franta III, in his remarks said, “Today’s vehicle donation to the Airports Authority is another example of the United States’ multifaceted bilateral cooperation with the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago that underscores our commitment to enhancing regional security which is vital to the safety and prosperity of the American and Trinbagonian people.”

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, extends its appreciation to the Government of the United States and the TSA for their continued support and investment in aviation security. This donation stands as a symbol of progress, partnership, and collaboration by reinforcing the Authority’s mission to safeguard the nation’s airports and secure the trust of every traveller who chooses Trinidad and Tobago as their gateway.



From Left to Right: General Manager of Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Hayden Newton, Chairman of Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Aaron Henry, Deputy Chief of Staff of the US Embassy in Trinidad and Tobago, Charlie Franta III, Representative of the Transportation Security Administration, John Bell

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