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Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

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Minister Kazim Hosein attends Statutory Meetings in All Fourteen (14) Corporations

February 5, 2019. Kent House, Maraval - Senator the Honourable, Haji Kazim Hosein continues to fulfil his mandate as Minister of Rural Development and Local Government by attending the Statutory Meetings of all fourteen (14) Corporations which fall under the purview of the Ministry.

Minister Hosein notes with optimism that there is a need for more dialogue on the part of citizens and their local government representatives as well as more civil society participation as the Ministry pursues local government reform. Contributions from vibrant and dynamic community groups, sporting groups, non-governmental organisations and faith-based organisations are welcomed. The Ministry seeks to further develop all areas of Trinidad; from San Souci to Cedros and from Chaguaramas to Gauyaguayare, development can be seen. No voice will be ignored or excluded as the Minister urges all interested groups to articulate their ideas or views, as they will eventually be formulated into policy. Civil society must mobilize itself as the collaboration is welcomed.

“Local government reform is not just an ambitious idea by the government. It is here, which means; all Cities, Borough and Regional Corporations will have expanded powers in terms of responsibility and authority.” Minister Hosein believes in a more accountable and responsive Corporation with better customer service, one which is responsive to the needs of its business community, residential dwellings and one that is particularly responsive to the concerns of citizens. The Ministry has already taken a position where anyone found illegally dumping garbage will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Roads signs are being reviewed and replaced in conjunction with the Ministry of Works and Transport, water courses are being cleaned and local heritage sites are being secured and maintained.

In the coming weeks, the Honourable Minister will be visiting transport yards in all the Corporations, public markets, cemeteries and police stations.

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