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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COLLABORATES WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN TOURISM**

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“Trinidad and Tobago can become a power in tourism.” This view was expressed by His Excellency José A. Serulle, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic during a courtesy call with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. the Honourable Surujrattan Rambachan on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Serulle informed the Honourable Minister that the Dominican Republic became a power in tourism over the last thirty years and expressed enthusiasm in collaborating with Trinidad and Tobago in this area.

Cooperation in the spheres of agriculture, industry and commerce were also discussed. Focussing on agriculture His Excellency indicated that the Dominican Republic has great expertise in this field, and was willing to share this knowledge with Trinidad and Tobago. In the areas of industry and commerce Minister Rambachan suggested the need for trade missions to take place between the two countries in order to solidify the existing bilateral relationship.

Talks also focused on culture, and Minister Rambachan highlighted the importance of Trinidad and Tobago enhancing collaboration with the Dominican Republic in this area. Both parties agreed that a musical festival involving artistes from both countries could be initiated in the future to develop cultural relations.

The meeting ended cordially with Minister Rambachan and Ambassador Serulle committing to work together to strengthen relations.

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