

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

Extending the Agreement of
February 20 and May 22, 2013

Effected by Exchange of notes
at Port of Spain
December 20 and 30, 2021

Entered into force December 30, 2021



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

No. 2021 – 462:

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago regarding the status of United States personnel who may be temporarily present in Trinidad and Tobago in connection with mutually agreed activities, effected by exchange of notes at Port of Spain, February 20 and May 22, 2013, as extended by agreement most recently by exchange of notes at Port of Spain, December 17, 2019 and January 30, 2020 (collectively, the 2013 Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA)). The Embassy notes that the 2013 SOFA is currently due to expire on December 31, 2021.

The Embassy has the further honor to propose to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago agree to further extend the 2013 SOFA, without any other changes, for an additional six (6) months from its expiration date of December 31, 2021 to July 1, 2022.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments that shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy's point of contact for this matter is Deputy Chief of Mission Megan Kelly, who can be contacted either via email (KellyMS1@state.gov) or telephone (822-5391).

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure:

1. Draft proposed Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs reply diplomatic note.[*]

Embassy of the United States of America,

Port of Spain, December 20, 2021.



[* Enclosure omitted from this publication.]



Note No. 2264

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's note No. 2021- 462 dated December 20, 2021, which reads as follows:

“The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago regarding the status of United States personnel who may be temporarily present in Trinidad and Tobago in connection with mutually agreed activities, effected by exchange of notes at Port of Spain, February 20 and May 22, 2013, as extended by agreement most recently by exchange of notes at Port of Spain, December 17, 2019 and January 30, 2020 (collectively, the 2013 Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA)). The Embassy notes that the 2013 SOFA is currently due to expire on December 31, 2021.

The Embassy has the further honor to propose to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago agree to further extend the 2013 SOFA, without any other changes, for an additional six (6) months from its expiration date of December 31, 2021 to July 1, 2022.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments that shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.”

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to confirm that the proposal set forth in the Embassy's note is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and that the Embassy's note together with this note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



PORT OF SPAIN – December 30, 2021