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## **Galbaransingh and Ferguson Extradition Case**

We are disappointed in the outcome of the Ishwar Galbaransingh and Steve Ferguson extradition case. The two were first indicted in 2005 in Miami Federal Court on numerous fraud and money laundering charges stemming from alleged bid rigging between 1996 and 2005 on contracts for the Piarco International Airport. The United States has pursued their extradition since 2005

Extradition is a powerful tool for fighting transnational crime and is used by countries all over the world including the United States and Trinidad and Tobago. The Government of the United States and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago have had a bilateral extradition treaty in place since 1996. Our governments work together closely to extradite suspects to both countries.

Though we are very disappointed in the outcome, we value our relationship with Trinidad and Tobago and will continue to work with the government on other extradition cases.

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