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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Successful Emergency Drill at Piarco International Airport**

The Emergency Drill which was conducted at the Piarco International Airport on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. has been deemed a success.

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) collaborated with the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, the Police Service, the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard, Caribbean Airlines, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management, Customs and Immigrations Divisions, the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation, the Ministry of Health and other first responding agencies to execute the Drill.

General Manager of the Authority, Mr Hayden Newton, who was Coordinator of the Emergency Operations Centre, stated that “the Emergency Drill facilitates all agencies working together to simulate a real emergency situation. It demonstrates the way agencies would interrelate and makes sure that we can respond effectively in the event of a real emergency. The Drill tests our capabilities and ensures that we meet our mandate to provide safe and secure aviation services for the benefit of all travellers and airport users”.

As Airport Operator and official coordinator of response to an emergency at the Airport, the Authority developed a scenario which simulated an aircraft accident. A debriefing and post mortem on the exercise will be conducted to evaluate the learnings.

The Emergency Drill is conducted every two years in compliance with Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Regulations to ensure the highest level of safety and security at our airports for the benefit of all customers.

The Authority thanks all volunteers, stakeholders, airlines, emergency response agencies, governmental organisations, private agencies and the general public for their tremendous support and cooperation to facilitate the successful execution of the Emergency Drill.