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NEWS RELEASE:

To all Persons in Public Life as defined by The Integrity in Public Life Act, Chapter 22: 01

The Integrity in Public Life Act (IPLA), Section 11 (6) states that where a person fails to file a declaration, or a statement of registrable interests under section 14, the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago shall publish such fact in the Official Gazette and at least one daily newspaper.

The Commission wishes to advise Persons in Public Life who have failed to file Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities (Form A) and Statements of Registrable Interests (Form B) for periods up to 2015 that their names are reproduced in the Official Trinidad and Tobago Gazette published by the Government Printery.

The Gazetting follows the initial publication of over 1400 names in the Trinidad Express, the Trinidad Guardian and the Newsday newspapers on Tuesday 24th May 2016, Wednesday 25th May 2016, and Friday 27th May 2016 respectively.

Since the publication of names in the daily newspapers, just over ten percent (10%) of Persons in Public Life whose names were published have since complied with the IPLA.

The Commission draws attention to Section 11 (7) and (8) which states:
"The Commission may, at any time after the publication referred to in Section 11 (6), make an ex parte application to the High Court for an order directing such person to comply with the Act and the Court may in addition to making such an order, impose such conditions as it thinks fit."

"A person who fails to comply with the directions of the Court, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of $150,000."

The Commission wishes to remind those persons in public life who have not yet complied with the legislation as required by Sections 11(1) and 14(1) of the Integrity in Public Life Act, Chapter 22: 01, that they are to do so immediately, as the Commission intends (without further notice) to make ex parte application to the High Court for orders directing such persons to comply with the Act, and for the imposition of such conditions as it thinks fit.

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