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HE Raphael Trotman
Minister of Natural Resources
Republic of Guyana

INVITATION TO THE 7TH EITI GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Your Excellency,

I am honoured to invite you to the 7th Global Conference of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which will take place in Lima, Peru, 24-25 February 2016. You are welcome to address the Conference in the Stakeholders' Forum on the second day. In this Forum, EITI's stakeholders are invited to pledge their commitment to the principles and process and how they view the future challenges and opportunities

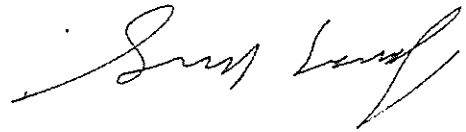
The EITI, the global standard for the governance of oil, gas and mineral resources, is now implemented by 48 countries worldwide. Your government has announced its commitment to implement the EITI, and I understand that you are making progress. The Global Conference could be an opportunity to showcase what you are doing.

The EITI Global Conference, held every three years, will focus on results from the EITI and on how the EITI can better help ensure that natural resources bring more benefits to all citizens. It is an important global forum for discussion on improved governance of the oil, gas and mining sectors. I hope that you will join us in Lima to take part in this discussion.

We foresee considerable public interest in the Conference. The previous EITI Global Conference held in Sydney in 2013 was a success with 1,300 government, industry and civil society leaders from across 80 different countries attending the event, including Heads of State.

I hope we will have the opportunity to count with Your Excellency participation in Lima,

Yours sincerely,



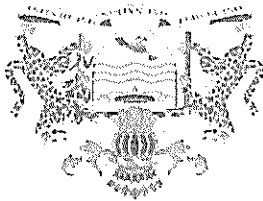
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The APNU+AFC Government moved closer to fulfilling its commitment to having Guyana become a member of the international body - Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) when a small delegation comprising Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Raphael Trotman, and Mr. Mike McCormack and Ms. Joy Persaud, of the civil society body, Policy Forum, attended the 7th World Summit of EITI in Lima, Peru from February 24-25, 2016.

In Peru, the Guyana delegation participated in plenary and break-out sessions and had valuable interactions with several country delegations; which revealed valuable experiences about the application process, and importantly, provided pledges of support for Guyana's journey towards attaining and sustaining membership in the body.

The EITI is a global organisation of fifty-one member countries, which have subscribed to establishing, upholding and promoting the standards and tenets of good governance, transparency and accountability in the management of extractive industries. At its core the EITI promotes the belief that natural resources belong to the people and are to be extracted and managed on behalf of the people; both for current and future generations. Countries, on assuming membership, coordinate their activities through a tripartite Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) that comprises representatives of government, industry and civil society. Guyana is at present finalising the composition of its MSG and making preparations for establishing a fully functioning secretariat to advance the work. In its quest to embrace good governance standards in the regulation of the extractive industries, Guyana has been receiving guidance and support from the EITI'S Norway based secretariat and the Trinidad & Tobago Chapter (TT-EITI).

Guyana, with an economy heavily based on extractive industries, and soon to become an oil and gas producing nation, propelled the government's desire in 2015 to give its approval for Guyana's membership application to be expedited, and to date, two seminars have been convened and a third is scheduled for March 4, 2016. The March seminar will be conducted in conjunction with the TT-EITI and the University of the West Indies. All seminars are aimed at raising awareness amongst stakeholders and streamlining the application process.