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Senator Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie,  
Chairman,  
Joint Select Committee on Public Procurement,  
The Red House,  
Abercromby Street,  
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Dear Dr. Tewarie,

**Re: Private Sector/Civil Society Proposals on Public Procurement**

The Federation of Independent Trade Unions and NGOs (FITUN) is formally registering its full support for the Private Sector/Civil Society proposals on Public Procurement. Our organization has maintained an active interest in this aspect of public administration in our country. FITUN shares the view of many other civil society organizations in Trinidad and Tobago that proper procurement practice is critical in ensuring that public expenditure is at all times characterized by transparency and accountability.

Our commitment to this important issue has been demonstrated on several occasions, including the hosting of a public forum jointly with the Private Sector/Civil Society group at OWTU's Paramount Hall on Thursday August 11th 2011. At this forum, the proposals developed by this group were presented to our membership and other affiliates. After a robust and interactive discussion with our members, we are now pleased to confirm FITUN's full support of these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Remy  
Deputy President  
FITUN

x.c: Mr. Afra Raymond – President, Joint Consultative Council