



**JOINT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

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The Honourable Hebert Volney, MP,  
Minister of Justice  
Level 16, 17, 20 and 21  
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Honourable Minister,

Re: The Uff Report

With reference to the subject at caption, the Joint Consultative Council for the Construction Industry (JCC) wrote to you in the first instant on 4th March, 2011 (see copy attached) seeking your update on an important matter arising from the publication of the Uff Report. We indicated in that missive, that we are pursuing the implementation of the Ninety-One (91) recommendations, which we believe to be necessary in ensuring that such monumental waste of public resources never again takes place in our country.

Furthermore, we enquired whether or not an implementation working party has been established with the requisite funding to execute its mandate and if any technical hurdles have been identified. Of particular concern to us was recommendation 49 which reads as follows:

It should be assumed that the construction industry is vulnerable to potential corruption and steps should be taken to avoid actual corruption following the guidelines and recommended practices laid down by Transparency International and its affiliates.

In light of the foregoing, we urged you to invite a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI), the National Chapter of Transparency international, to be part of any implementation working party. Additionally, the JCC was of the view that in order to achieve a broad-based and effective implementation working party we would offer two delegates from our organization as members who would extend expert advice.

The implementation of the UFF recommendations is the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice, so your early response would be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

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Afra Raymond, B.Sc., FRICS  
**PRESIDENT**