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**REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**[2009 SESSION]**

**SECOND INTERIM REPORT**

**SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

**TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON A BILL**

**ENTITLED, “*AN ACT RELATING TO THE***

***PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND FOR***

***MATTERS RELATED THERETO”***

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## **BACKGROUND**

1. Your Committee was established by the House of Representatives on Wednesday January 15, 2009. It was mandated to consider and report on the Children Bill, 2009 and to report in one (1) month. Your Committee comprises:

Mr. Colm Imbert (Chairman)

Dr. Amery Browne

Mr. Peter Taylor

Miss. Marlene McDonald

Dr. Tim Gopeesingh

Miss Mickela Panday

2. Your Committee spent some time analyzing the contents and recommendations contained in a report of an earlier committee on the Children Bill, 2008 which was laid in the House on December 12, 2008. During its clause by clause examination of the Bill, a number of issues were raised pertaining to several provisions of the Bill.

3. On March 20, 2009, your Committee reported to the House that it was awaiting the advice and opinion of legal experts in order to proceed with its work<sup>1</sup>. It requested and was granted a further six (6) weeks to complete its mandate. This extension will expire on Friday May 1, 2009.

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

4. Your Committee has received comprehensive comments and legal reasonings from the experts, as was requested. These documents require the careful scrutiny of Members and individual Members have requested time to consider the submissions in order to properly contribute to the work of the Committee.

5. Your Committee therefore seeks to report its progress to date. It is satisfied that it can now proceed unhindered to the completion of its mandate, having regard to the wealth of information now in its possession related to the legislation under consideration. It is in those circumstances that your Committee requests a further extension of eight (8) weeks in order to complete its deliberations and report to the House.

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<sup>1</sup> First Interim Report – House Paper No. 3/2009; laid on March 20, 2009; adopted on March 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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