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News Comment: UNHCR concerned about the implications for asylum of the Trinidad and Tobago High Court ruling of 4 July 2023

10 July 2023 - UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, takes note of the judgement of the Trinidad and Tobago High Court issued on 4 July 2023, regarding the case brought by a refugee recognized by UNHCR, who is seeking asylum and international protection in Trinidad and Tobago.

UNHCR is concerned about the implications of this ruling for all asylum-seekers and refugees in Trinidad and Tobago and appeals to the Government to ensure their protection from forced return.

UNHCR is not a claimant in the Court proceedings but intervened as a third party because of its mandate to supervise the application of the 1951 Refugee Convention worldwide, a responsibility which was conferred on it by the UN General Assembly.

UNHCR welcomes comments by High Court Judge Frank Seepersad about the urgent need for a legislative response, and on the incorporation and integration of migrants into society and its workforce, as this approach can be to the economic benefit of Trinidad and Tobago. UNHCR stands ready to support the government of Trinidad and Tobago in developing such a system, as it does in other countries.

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