<u>Draft Statement by Hon T.Hurdoyal, Minister of Public Service,</u> <u>Administrative and Institutional Reforms</u>

Labour Day 2023

My fellow friends and colleagues of the Public Service

I am extremely pleased and honoured to address you these few words on the occasion of the Labour Day 2023.

As Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms, I find it truly gratifying to be a privileged witness of the unsurpassed resilience, adaptability and responsiveness of our Public Officers particularly at one of the most challenging juncture of our history.

As a Public Officer, you play a key role as a member of the great family of the Public Service which comprises of more than 55,000 officers serving tirelessly and with selfless dedication in different sectors of our economy and society.

On this symbolic day of the Labour Day, it is a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to all Public Officers, our unsung heroes, for their countless acts of patriotism and dedication at a critical juncture where our country is steadily gearing up towards rapid economic recovery following two years of fierce combat against the disruptive forces of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for this incredible ability to come together in times of adversity and in rising above to the challenges of the moment.

You may rest assured that my Ministry is leaving no stone unturned in ensuring the wellbeing, health and safety of all our Public Officers.

On this score, I personally ensure that sound industrial relations prevail at all times whilst nurturing a work environment conducive to the health, safety and wellbeing of our officers remain our topmost priority. My Ministry has also embarked on an ambitious project of transformation across the Public Service driven by innovation and technology. Such endeavour ambitions to radically improve Public Service delivery whilst creating a completely new and attractive workplace and instilling a culture of excellence.

I have no doubt that you have every reason to be proud as an important member of the Public Service. In contributing to a prosperous, inclusive and healthy nation, you embody the spirit of service in the individual and collective role you play in the respective Ministry and Department you serve.

With these words, I wish you and your family a Happy Labour Day!

Thank you

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