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Prime Minister Rowley congratulates the Trinidad and Tobago 2016 Olympics Team

On behalf of the people and Government of Trinidad and Tobago, I wish to congratulate Keshorn Walcott for winning the bronze medal in the Men's Javelin event at Rio 2016 yesterday (Saturday 20th August 2016) evening.

Keshorn and all the members of the Trinidad and Tobago 2016 Olympics Team deserve our congratulations and on-going support for doing their best at the Rio Games, among a very strong field of international competitors.

While the Team may have suffered mixed fortunes at the Rio Games, the Nation can be justifiably proud of our athletes who were able to reach the finals in several events including the women's shot put, the women's 200 metre race, the women's 4x100 metre relay, the men's 4x100 metre relay. We must also remember that for the first time Trinidad and Tobago also competed in boxing, gymnastics and rowing. Swimming, sailing and cycling also continue to give us hope for medalling in future Olympic Games.

This is not the end of our Nation's Olympic dream, it is only the beginning. In 4 years' time, we will shine at Tokyo 2020. We have to start our preparations early and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago stands firmly behind all our athletes.

We thank you for your effort and look forward to even better results in Tokyo.