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**PRIME MINISTER ROWLEY AT THE 37TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF CARICOM**

Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley and other members of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation arrived in Georgetown, Guyana yesterday (Monday 4th July 2016) for the Thirty-Seventh Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community. The Opening Ceremony of the Conference was held at the National Cultural Centre on Mandela Avenue in Georgetown.

His Excellency Irwin LaRocque, Secretary General of CARICOM, in his statement, extended condolences and paid tribute to Trinidad and Tobago's recently deceased Former Prime Minister Patrick Manning and observed a minute of silence in honour of Mr Manning's contributions to Caribbean integration.

This was followed by remarks from His Excellency Desire Delano Bouterse, President of the Republic of Suriname.

Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr Keith Rowley, lauded the distinguished contributions which former Prime Minister Manning made to the region throughout the fifteen (15) years he represented Trinidad and Tobago at CARICOM.

Dr Rowley also reaffirmed Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to CARICOM even in light of England's recent referendum vote to withdraw from the European Union.

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