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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Secondary School Student on Cabinet-appointed Committee to develop Animal Welfare Standards***

**October 15, 2019:-** In what is seen as an historic occasion, Secondary School Student, Ms. Shanaz Mohammed was presented with her letter of appointment by Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries at a brief ceremony at the Ministry's Corporate Headquarters in Chaguanas. Ms Mohammed is presently a student of Lakshmi Girls High School who has a special interest in Animal Welfare. She becomes the youngest member of a Cabinet-appointed Committee responsible for developing the Draft Animal Welfare Standards – a counterpart to the Bill laid in the Parliament dealing with animal health and welfare.

The fifteen (15)-member Cabinet-appointed committee is chaired by Dr. Victoria Lashley, Technical Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries. Other members include, Professor Marlon Knights, Ms. Natasha Hosein-Baksh, Mr. Kern Johnson, Ms. Solange De Souza, Mr. Nirmal Biptah, Dr. Reeza Mohammed, Ms. Monique Kellman, Ms. Nalini Dial, Ms. Jowelle De Souza, Ms. Sita Kuruvilla, Mr. Krishendath Balleram, Ms. Annette Sirju and Mr. Darrin Carmichael.

*Photo Captions:*

*CAWS 1:- Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (left) distributes a letter of appointment to secondary school student - Ms. Shanaz Mohammed (right) - and youngest member of a Cabinet-appointed Committee which was established to develop the draft Animal Welfare Standards. The distribution ceremony took place on Tuesday 15th October, 2019, at the Ministry's corporate headquarters in Chaguanas.*

*CAWS 2:- Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (left) distributes a letter of appointment to the chair of the Cabinet-appointed Committee established to develop the draft Animal Welfare Standards, Dr. Victoria Lashley. Dr. Lashley - a Technical Officer attached to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries - received her letter during a brief distribution ceremony which took place on Tuesday 15th October, 2019, at the Ministry's corporate headquarters in Chaguanas.*

*CAWS 3:- Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (centre) is flanked by the members of a Cabinet-appointed Committee established to develop the draft Animal Welfare*

*Standards. Technical Officer attached to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, Dr. Victoria Lashley (fourth from left), is the chair of this Committee. The Committee comprises fifteen (15) individuals with a wide range of animal welfare interests including a student of Lakshmi Girls High School - Ms. Shanaz Mohammed - who is believed to be the first secondary school student appointed to a Cabinet Committee.*

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