

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Joint Press Release – Ministry of Public Security and the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Guyana**

On February 29, 2016 the Russian Ambassador to Guyana H.E. Mr. Nikolay Smirnov met the Minister of Public Security of Guyana Hon. Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan to discuss matters of mutual interest. Also present at the meeting was Coordinator of the Task Force on Narcotic Drugs and Illicit Weapons, Major General (Retired) Michael Atherly.

Among the issues discussed was the signing of an agreement on **Cooperation Between the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Public Security of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana**. The Agreement will strengthen the bilateral legal framework for interaction between law enforcement agencies of the two countries.

An earlier Agreement on **Cooperation Between the Federal Service of the Russian Federation for Narcotics Traffic Control and the Ministry of Public Security** signed in Havana in February 2012 was also considered to establish progress made in this regard.

The Russian side has expressed its willingness to continue providing courses for Guyanese police during the present year 2016. One Police Sergeant has recently been admitted to the “Incident Site Inspection Fingerprinting Identification Programme” to be held in Moscow University of the Ministry of Interior of Russia from March 28 – April 26, 2016. The recent

abolishment of the visa requirement between the two countries now facilitates easy travel of Guyanese policemen to Russia.

The Russian Government has been facilitating training for Guyanese policemen over several years and intends to extend such training to programmers being done at the **Regional Counter Drug Law-Enforcement Training Centre in Managua** and the **Russian-Cuban Fire and Rescue Training Center in Havana**.

The aim of this training is to strengthen the capacity of participants to fight illicit drug traffic and prevent, cope and recover from natural disasters, fires and other emergencies.

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