



PRIME MINISTER, ACT NOW

The Private Sector Civil Society Group (PSCSG) is deeply concerned that the significant progress made on the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Bill is in danger of lapsing. While all the concerns of the PSCSG have not been addressed in the current version of the Bill, at this time we do not support any action, including amendment which has the potential to cause any delay of the passage of this landmark legislation.

This Bill was supposed to have been debated in the Lower House of the Parliament on Friday 18th July 2014, having previously received the unanimous support of the Senate. If the Bill is not passed by the House of Representatives before Parliament goes on recess, it will lapse, requiring the process to start again with no guarantee of completion.

The PSCSG therefore calls on the Honourable Prime Minister, who has the full support of the Senate, inclusive of Opposition and Independent Senators, to ensure that this Bill is debated and passed before the end of this session of the Parliament. As the only person who has the power to ensure the requisite votes for its passage, the Hon. Prime Minister must now ensure that debate on the Bill is completed and the Government Members of the House of Representatives are present in the Parliament to ensure its passage.

Additionally, in anticipation of the Bills' passage, the PSCSG reiterates that the Bill should be proclaimed and made operational within 180 days of its approval by the Parliament.

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Joint Consultative Council for the Construction Industry, Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago Local Content Chamber, Federation of Independent Trade Unions and NGO's