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Statement by Mr. John Martin, Chairman of the Integrity Commission

The members of the Integrity Commission have given consideration to the judgment of the High Court dated 3rd February 2009 in the proceedings commenced by Dr. Keith Rowley.

The members of the Commission accept and recognize that the Commission acted wrongly by failing to give Dr. Rowley a full opportunity to be heard. While we consider that the Commission acted in good faith, we recognize that the Commission must respect the Court's decision. In the circumstances, all of the members of the Commission have decided to resign. We have today met with His Excellency, the President, and have informed him of our decision.

My fellow Commissioners and I wish to express our deep regret and sincere apologies to His Excellency the President, to Dr. Keith Rowley and to the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

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