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MEMORANDUM

A Short Biography

Mr. Shawn Kirk has been a veteran laboratorian with 35 years of expert, unparalleled experience on the medical laboratory bench. He recently headed the HIV/Virology Department at Trinidad Public Health Laboratory and is currently the Medical Laboratory Superintendent at the Insect Vector Control Division. Shawn has become an IATA internationally certified Instructor in the Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR). He is also a part time Tutor at the Medical Sciences Faculty in the department of Primary Care and Public Health, St. Augustine. Mr. Kirk has augmented his role to act as Trinidad's National Contact Point for the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). He delivered a presentation on a 'National Analytical Framework on Biosafety and Biosecurity' at the Meeting of International Experts at the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland in 2018. He is currently applying his expertise in this role to seek the implementation of the law domestically to give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Biological and Toxin Weapons and their Destruction. Shawn is also collaborating with other specialists to align strategy, schedule and process to ensure each Life Science' student has an accepted foundation in Biosafety and Biosecurity in the Caribbean. In



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this role, Shawn contributes to the delivery of dual-use awareness training, safeguarding science outreach to promote responsible scientific research and innovation for the future.