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PRESS STATEMENT

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The Executive Board of the Communication Workers' Union wishes to advise the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago that our stance remains the same, this is “ **to be an independent Trade Union**” with its main purpose to represent the interests of workers and continue to serve without any perceived compromise.

At this juncture, it is of paramount importance to advise that the Communication Workers' Union distances itself from any affiliation with comrade Clyde Elder being a prospective candidate under the United National Congress. Comrade Elder is free to enter, campaign and support the political party of his choice.

The Media is asked to please cease and desist from using any photographs with comrade Elder attired in the CWU wear and making reference to him as the Secretary General of the Communication Workers' Union when reporting or marrying the Union's name to his campaign.

Further, the Union wishes to debunk any and all comments which states “ the CWU met with JTUM” on Monday February 17, 2025 to endorse comrade Elder as its prospective candidate for La Brea, under the UNC banner for the upcoming elections. The CWU only learned of this development as it unfolded on the afternoon of Wednesday February 19, 2025. Apart from this, the Union had no input in this decision as it does not concern the CWU.

It is at this juncture, we remain transparent in our views of being “independent” and having the ability to call any politician to account. The Executive Board, can only wish comrade Elder all the best in his personal ambitions in this new political role.

The CWU does not support any coalition of interest and there is no “affiliation” to the UNC or the PNM.

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