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### **Venezuelan Ambassador Calls on Foreign Minister Sinckler**

Exploring new ways in which Barbados and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela could strengthen their relationship was the focus of talks on Monday, February 4, when that country's Ambassador, H.E. Juan Carlos Valdez Gonzalez, paid a visit on Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and International Business, Christopher Sinckler.

Minister Sinckler lauded the friendship which Barbados and Venezuela have enjoyed over the years and expressed Barbados' desire to maintain the relationship, given the importance of Venezuela as an emerging economy in the hemisphere. In turn, Ambassador Valdez stressed Venezuela's commitment to enhancing the social development of the countries in the region and its desire to continue to strengthen its relationship with Barbados and the countries of the Caribbean.

In 1969 Barbados and Venezuela established formal diplomatic ties. It is the only Latin America country in which Barbados maintains a resident Mission. Venezuela was the fourth country to establish a resident Embassy in Barbados.

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