PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA

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Human Rights Council at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, 26th June, 2015

Thank you Mr. President.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, my delegation
is pleased to take this opportunity to present before the Council its progress Report
on the implementation of the First cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
Recommendations.

Mr. President,

It is recalled that the first review of Trinidad and Tobago took place on the 5th
October 2011 during the 12th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human
Rights Council. The outcome of the review was adopted on 15th March, 2002 and the
troika which facilitated the process was composed of Peru, the Philippines and the
United States of America.

Mr. President,

At page 45 of our progress Report, it is noted that Trinidad and Tobago committed
itself to examine 52 recommendations. In March, 2012, Trinidad and Tobago
furnished an update to the Council regarding these recommendations. Out of the 52
recommendations, 24 of them could not be accepted at that time due to conflicts
within our domestic legislation. Twenty Five (25) of the remaining 28
recommendations were considered for future implementation and the remaining 3
recommendations were noted for further consideration. Since its first review,
Trinidad and Tobago has made progress on matters including but not limited to
gender equality, the rights of children and increasing the accessibility and quality of
health services and education for its citizens.
Mr. President,

The 2nd UPR of Trinidad and Tobago is currently scheduled to take place during the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group in April/May, 2016. The current deadline for the submission of our National Report is 25th January, 2016. My delegation wishes to advise that we are now engaged in implementing various consultation strategies with civil society and stakeholders whose input would be invaluable for our National Report.

Mr. President, the voluntary submission of this progress Report permits us as a country to share with the Council and the international community, Trinidad and Tobago’s road map and priorities leading up to our second review.

With this in mind, Trinidad and Tobago wishes to reiterate its commitment to the UPR mechanism and to its cooperation with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you Mr. President.