



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

**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

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The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago extends a warm welcome to the delegation of the United Kingdom, led by Lord McNally, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice. Trinidad and Tobago would also like to thank His Excellency and the Secretariat for the comprehensive report which gives a clear picture of human rights protection in the UK.

It is noteworthy that the UK has made significant efforts to progress in relation to recommendations which were accepted out of the first cycle of UPR. This is a clear illustration that the UPR process is a useful tool for nations to shape their human rights protection regime.

Trinidad and Tobago commends the UK for the acceptance of the following recommendations:

- in relation to how detained persons are treated and their ongoing efforts to ensure that all persons detained in any circumstances, under UK jurisdiction, shall be treated according to the highest standards of detainee treatment at all times as a matter of policy.
- In relation to the review of counterterrorism legislation and the proactive methodology adopted to ensure a balance between counter terrorism efforts and the preservation of civil liberties.
- In relation to tackling hate crimes and the legislative and policy initiatives adopted throughout the UK to protect vulnerable groups in society from violence.

Trinidad and Tobago takes this opportunity to recognize the logistical and financial challenges faced by a country dealing with recovering from the effects of a global economic downturn and recommends the following:

- That the UK continues to support overseas territories to abide with basic human rights protection for all.
- That the UK continues its financial commitment to international development through its overseas development assistance programmes.

Thank you Madame President.