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The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the delegation of Peru and thanks the Honourable Minister for the comprehensive report.

Mme. President, Peru's legal and institutional frameworks encourage the promotion and preservation of a broad range of fundamental human rights. My delegation notes with satisfaction the re-organisation of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights; the establishment of a Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion and the creation of Deputy Ministerial posts for Human Rights and Intercultural Relations, respectively; the adoption of the Act on the Right of Indigenous or Aboriginal Peoples to Prior Consultation and the adoption of the Second National Plan to Combat Violence Against Women (2009-2015).

We also acknowledge the introduction of a series of social programmes to prevent and eradicate child labour. Worthy of special mention is the "*Educadores de la Calle*" (*teachers for street children*) programme that seeks to help children and adolescents aged 6 to 17 years who are exposed to forced labour, begging and sexual exploitation, to return to school.

In addition, Trinidad and Tobago commends Peru for having streamlined its submission of reports to United Nations treaty bodies.

Though we are mindful of the efforts of the Peruvian authorities to treat with racism and structural racial discrimination against Indigenous Peoples and the Afro-Peruvian community, my delegation recommends that Peru:

intensify its efforts to ensure that Indigenous Peoples and the Afro-Peruvian community fully enjoy economic, social and cultural rights, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights

Thank you

Delivered by Merlana Henry, Second Secretary