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Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation wishes to thank the delegation of Switzerland lead by the Hon..... for the delivery of their comprehensive report and for the submission of their mid-term report.

Trinidad and Tobago will like to compliment Switzerland in its efforts in promoting equal opportunity for women and gender equality. In arriving at this conclusion, my delegation wishes to single out the fact that between 2010 and 2011 women held the majority of seats in the Federal Council.

While the trafficking of women and children remain a global dilemma, my delegation wishes to acknowledge the various efforts and programmes currently being undertaken by the Swiss authorities to bring about active solutions to this problem.

In concluding my delegation recommends that the Swiss Federation:

1. Move towards establishing gender equality offices in all cantons to enable coordination at the Federal level.
2. Enacts legislation to prohibit any organization which promotes or incites racism and racial discrimination.

I thank you Mr. President.

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