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

**STATEMENT BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF BARBADOS**

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Thank You Mr. President,

Trinidad and Tobago commends your able stewardship of this morning's proceedings and adds its voice to other countries in welcoming the delegation of Barbados and expressing appreciation to our colleague CARICOM state for the submission of its very informative National Report.

The Report underscores that the Government of Barbados has made a concerted effort since its last Universal Periodic Review in 2008, to continue to promote, protect and uphold the human rights of its citizens. Despite various challenges, these efforts are reflected in, *inter alia*:

1. The signing of ILO Convention No. 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers and coordination with UN-Women to ratify same;
2. Initiatives to promote the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
3. Actions taken to further revise the Constitution and update legislation to conform with treaty obligations;
4. The review of all laws directly related to family and children and,
5. The enhancement of the human resource complement of the Bureau of Gender Affairs.

In conclusion, Trinidad and Tobago wishes to recommend that the Government of Barbados give consideration to the following actions as it continues to further strengthen its framework for the promotion, protection and advancement of human rights:

1. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
2. Ratification of ILO Convention No.189 and,
3. Continue investments toward the achievement of economic, social and cultural rights.

Mr. President, I thank you.