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Mr.

~~Madame~~ President,

Trinidad and Tobago adds its voice to other countries in welcoming the French delegation and expressing appreciation for the submission of its National Report.

France has a historic association with and appreciation for Human Rights. This has been also reflected in, *inter alia*, the establishment of a national framework for the protection of human rights, in France's cooperation with human rights mechanisms and in its continued contributions to the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We take note also that France has ratified key human rights instruments such as the:

- ICERD – International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- ICCPR – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- CEDAW – Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- CAT – Convention Against Torture
- CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child (and some of its Optional Protocols)
- The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and
- ILO fundamental conventions.

Mr.

~~Madame~~ President, in closing, Trinidad and Tobago commends France for its efforts, and recommends that these may be further buttressed by its consideration of ratification of ~~the following instruments:~~

- The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- ~~The ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention (No. 169);~~

Further strengthening of its national framework for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.