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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 - UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF CUBA  
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Mr. President,

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the Cuban Delegation and expresses appreciation for the presentation of the National Report.

The Report establishes that Cuba has worked diligently to implement measures proposed during its first review to strengthen its legal and institutional framework for human rights. These include ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in 2009 and improvements related to the Rights of the Child, Persons with Disabilities and Gender Equality. Cuba's consistently strong performance with respect to the MDG's places it in a credible position to contribute substantively to the development of Sustainable Development Goals, in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Mr. President, my delegation recommends:

1. That Cuba continues to strengthen measures focused on employment for persons - particularly women - with disabilities;

I thank you Mr. President and we wish Cuba all success in its UPR engagement.