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**Statement by The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Universal Periodic Review of Mexico at the Human Rights Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013**

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Thank you ~~Mister~~ President.

My delegation is pleased to participate in the review of Mexico, at this 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review and we thank them for their National Report.

Trinidad and Tobago commends the rigorous constitutional reform which has taken place within Mexico during the period of this review in relation to the right of health, education, housing, food and to a healthy environment. My delegation commends the Government of Mexico for the great constitutional inroads made especially in relation to the right to water as this is consistent with the spirit behind the United Nation's International Year of Water Co-operation which is being celebrated this year.

Mr. President, human trafficking remains a major concern on the international human rights agenda. Nevertheless, my delegation wishes to recognise the efforts being undertaken by Mexico to confront this global dilemma. Special mention must be made of the General Act for the Prevention and Punishment of Human Trafficking which was promulgated in June 2012 and the various cooperation agreements between their Government and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

While being cognizant of their efforts and wishing them well with their UPR, my delegation recommends the following:

1. That Mexico standardise the criminalization of trafficking in persons at federal and state levels.

2. That they continue addressing constitutional reform especially in relation to combating rural poverty and improving programmes to support the access of low-income families to food.

*Madame*  
I thank you ~~Mister~~ President.

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