



**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 NEW ZEALAND
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, 27 JANUARY 2014**

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the Delegation of New Zealand headed by the Honourable *Judith Collins* and wishes to express appreciation for the comprehensive National Report submitted to the Working Group.

Mr. President, my delegation commends New Zealand for strengthening the partnership between the Government and the Maori indigenous people in the delivery of key human rights services in the areas of health, childhood education and the establishment of a traditional court system.

Mr. President, New Zealand is on course to making a steady recovery in the aftermath of the unfortunate Canterbury earthquakes in 2011. My delegation applauds the relief efforts taken thus far to rebuild the city, especially with respect to creating sustainable and meaningful jobs for women.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. That New Zealand continues its efforts in advancing its Constitutional Review process including constitutional issues affecting the Maori people.
2. That policies in relation to gender mainstreaming, adequacy of housing and access to buildings for persons with disabilities be considered in the post-recovery efforts of the Canterbury earthquakes.

I thank you Mr. President.