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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 DOMINICA
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, 1ST MAY, 2014**

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago warmly welcomes our colleague Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member, the Commonwealth of Dominica, headed by ~~the~~ Honourable.... on this second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vince Henderson

Rich in its unspoilt natural beauty, Dominica is fondly known as the 'nature isle of the Caribbean.' As a fellow Small Island Developing State (SIDS), my delegation empathises with the challenges faced by Dominica in seeking to safeguard its ecological integrity, while simultaneously improving the standards of living of its citizens within the framework of equitable and sustainable development.

Mr. President, Dominica is the home of the indigenous Kalinagos who inhabit 3,700 acres of territory on the eastern coast of the island. My delegation is pleased to know that Dominica is continuing to take the necessary steps in maintaining the self autonomy and the rights of the Kalinago people.

My delegation recommends that:

1. Dominica ratifies the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD).
2. Dominica takes effective measures to respond to child abuse by establishing a comprehensive child protection policy.
3. Dominica takes the necessary steps to ensure equal access to employment and training opportunities to the Kalinago people and persons with disabilities.

I thank you Mr. President and I extend best wishes to the Delegation of Dominica for a successful review.

Delivered by Justin Sobion, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago