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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 NICARAGUA
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, 7TH MAY, 2014**

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua headed by....on this second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

My delegation compliments the endeavours of the Government of Nicaragua in eradicating extreme poverty pursuant to the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) number 1. In a similar vein, we are also pleased to note that the Nicaraguan economy has been experiencing a steady growth in the aftermath of the global financial crisis which commenced in 2008.

My delegation will however like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Nicaragua take steps to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
2. That steps be undertaken to strengthen mechanisms to prevent child labour.
3. That Nicaragua continues to improve access to food, especially in rural areas, for persons living in extreme poverty.
4. That policies be established to reduce the level of discrimination against women, children and indigenous peoples of African descent.

I thank you Mr. President.

Delivered by Justin Sobion, First Secretary