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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 THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, 27TH OCTOBER, 2014

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the delegation of El Salvador on this second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

My delegation recognises that El Salvador, the smallest country in Central America and a member of the Small Vulnerable Economies (SVEs), will face challenges as it continues to advance towards the effective implementation of its human rights programmes and obligations. With this in mind, Trinidad and Tobago commends El Salvador for undertaking constitutional reform measures in relation to the rights of indigenous people and for adopting various pieces of legislation which combats violence and discrimination against women and children.

My delegation will however like to make the following recommendations:

1. That El Salvador positively considers ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
2. Takes the necessary steps to ensure the adoption of new legislation to counteract human trafficking and
3. Strengthens its policies relating to child labour and the elimination of the economic exploitation of children.

I thank you Mr. President.