

**Statement by The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and
Tobago at the Universal Periodic Review of Grenada in the Human
Rights Council on 26th January, 2015**

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation warmly welcomes our CARICOM sister Grenada and congratulates them on this the second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Grenada, fondly known as the 'spice isle' of the Caribbean, is a small island sovereign State, which like most countries in the region are prone to the negative effects of climate change. In addition to this, poverty and unemployment continue to require further attention not only in Grenada but within our region as a whole.

Despite these challenges, my delegation is quite pleased to note that Grenada has taken a positive stance towards fulfilling its domestic and universal human rights obligations. This is made evident by the ratification of three core international human rights Conventions namely: The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Trinidad and Tobago has noted that in 2013 Grenada launched a constitutional reform process which, as in any other democratic society, will seek to consult and engage the public in matters affecting their human welfare. My delegation also acknowledges the progress made in the timely implementation of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence.

Conclusion:

In concluding, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Grenada takes the necessary steps to proclaim the Juvenile Justice Act which was passed in 2012.
2. That Grenada strengthens its national policy on HIV/AIDS and ensures that young people are educated and engaged about safe sex and reproductive health practices.
3. That effective measures be taken to combat violence against women and also the trafficking in persons.

With this, I thank you Mr. President.