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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA**

**Statement at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Republic of Bulgaria,
Palais des Nations, Geneva, 7th May 2015**

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria on this second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review.

Mr. President,

My delegation commends Bulgaria for the establishment of the National Coordination Mechanism on Human Rights, designed to streamline its efforts at addressing various human rights issues and undertaking responsibilities in accordance with various human rights mechanisms. Trinidad and Tobago also notes steps taken to adhere to additional international instruments since the last reporting period.

My delegation wishes to recommend that Bulgaria consider the following:

1. That efforts be ramped up to address the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, particularly children;
2. That measures be taken to improve the situation of children who are still living in institutions; and
3. That steps be taken to improve the equality of access to various forms of education and employment for all women.

Trinidad and Tobago extends best wishes to the Delegation of Bulgaria for a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.

Justin Sobion