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Statement by The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Universal Periodic Review of Croatia in the Human Rights Council on 12th May 2015

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago warmly congratulates the delegation of Croatia on presenting their report at the second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

My delegation notes with satisfaction that since its first universal periodic review in 2010 Croatia has made several advancements in its legal and institutional framework in the realm of human rights and Trinidad and Tobago is particularly pleased to note the broad scope of the "2013-2016 National Programme for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights".

Mr. President, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

That Croatia:

1. provides facilities to ensure that persons with disabilities can live independently, have access to public and private buildings and have equal opportunities to education, employment and health services, with a support structure particularly for children so challenged.
2. adopts specific legislation pertaining to gender discrimination in the labour market, including sexual harassment in the workplace and discrimination on the grounds of pregnancy and/or maternity.
3. addresses the legislative gap that relates to domestic violence offences and updates the Criminal Code to recognise domestic violence as a criminal offence.

My delegation wishes Croatia every success with its UPR.

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