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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 Jamaica at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, 13th May 2015

Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago warmly welcomes our CARICOM sister State Jamaica on this second cycle of their Universal Periodic Review.

The challenges which Jamaica faces with respect to the implementation of human rights policies and strategies are not unique to the Caribbean region. These challenges come in various shapes and sizes and include: disaster risk and vulnerability, high crime rates, exposure to external shocks, financial constraints and unemployment. Cognizant of this reality, my delegation wishes to applaud Jamaica on embarking upon its transformative Vision 2030 Development Plan, which integrates a wide spectrum of socio-economic human rights objectives and which in turn will ensure greater prosperity for all its citizens.

As the fate of our own survival relies on how the world combats the negative effects of climate change, we commend Jamaica on its innovative environmental approaches which include its National Energy Policy (2009-2030) and its target to achieve 30% of renewable energy by 2030.

My delegation wishes to recommend that Jamaica:

1. Continue to address the root causes of unemployment, especially among young people, by adopting the necessary long term policies and strategies.
2. Augment their efforts to reduce poverty and to provide enhanced access of safe potable water particularly in rural communities.
3. Continue their momentum to reduce incidences of HIV/AIDS by public education and campaigns.

My delegation wishes Jamaica every success with its UPR.

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