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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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Thank you Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the delegation of the United States and is pleased to participate in the second cycle of your Universal Periodic Review .

My delegation commends you for observing the principles of human rights, well regarded to be the bedrock of the constitution of the United States. Since your last UPR in November 2010, Trinidad and Tobago is encouraged to learn about key strides made in uplifting your people and improving their quality of life, the robust engagement of civil society in the UPR process, eliminating health disparities and in combating racism and racial discrimination, though recent evidence indicates the need for further intervention, at all levels, to effectively rid the society of this menace.

My delegation recommends that the US:

1. Becomes a State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Ratifies the Arms Trade Treaty , thus strengthening international regulation of the trade and transfer of conventional weapons, including small arms and light weapons and
3. Prioritizes the implementation of a plan of action to combat the sale of children and child prostitution.

I thank you Mr. President.

H.E. Ambassador John Sandy