

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT THE 25TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 MAY 2016

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago to this UPR session.

Singapore commends Trinidad and Tobago for its strong commitment to the UPR process. Since the adoption of its last UPR report in 2012, Trinidad and Tobago has undertaken significant steps to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights.

The Trafficking in Persons Act came into force in 2013 to strengthen efforts to combat and prevent trafficking in persons, including children. Singapore **recommends** that Trinidad and Tobago continue to take steps to strengthen protection for and assistance to victims, and to prosecute perpetrators, by ensuring the full implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Act.

Singapore welcomes Trinidad and Tobago's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2015. We **recommend** that Trinidad and Tobago take all necessary legislative and policy measures to ensure that persons with disabilities have appropriate employment opportunities and children with disabilities have access to quality education.

We wish Trinidad and Tobago every success in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in protecting and promoting the rights of its people.

Singapore remains committed to sharing its development experience with Trinidad and Tobago and other Small Island Developing States under the Singapore Cooperation Programme.

Thank you Mr President.

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