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UPR of TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Mr. President,

Slovenia warmly welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago and thanks them for their presentation. In terms of recent achievements, we congratulate Trinidad and Tobago for their efforts to promote the rights of older persons, and for the initiative to engage in gender responsive budgeting.

We further welcome the ratification of the CRPD in 2015, and the submission of a report to CEDAW; as steps towards the implementation of our past recommendations no. 88.1¹ and 87.4². We look forward to their full implementation by Trinidad and Tobago in due course.

We're also pleased to note that the review of the Children Act of 2012 introduced the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings outside the home. We therefore consider our past recommendation no. 88.39³ as partially implemented. As a next step, we **recommend** repealing the right of parents to use corporal punishment.

On the other hand, we note that while no executions have taken place since 1999, death penalty continues to be mandatory for those found guilty of murder; marriage of girls and boys as young as 12 and 14, respectively, is permitted; rape is prosecuted as an "indecent" rather than a grievous assault; and non-coercive sexual activity between minors of the same sex may lead to life imprisonment.

We therefore offer the following **recommendations**:

- decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex;
- establish an official moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to its full abolition;
- raise the age of marriage to 18 for both boys and girls;
- ensure that rape is diligently prosecuted as a grievous sexual assault;
- ensure comprehensive sexuality education, with a view to preventing teen pregnancies and the spread of sexually transmitted infections, in particular HIV.

Finally, Mr. President, we wish Trinidad and Tobago every success in this UPR exercise, and in their efforts to strengthen human rights protection in the country.

Thank you.

¹ 88.1. Ratify and fully implement, step by step, all core universal human rights treaties (Slovenia).

² 87.4. Fulfil its international reporting obligations (Slovenia).

³ 88.39. Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings and enact legislation to achieve this (Slovenia).