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**Country Under Review : Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Statement by Turkey -10 May 2016**

Thank you Mr. President,

Turkey warmly welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago and thanks them for their informative national report.

Turkey welcomes Trinidad and Tobago's willingness to be a party to most of the international agreements on human rights.

Turkey commends the significant efforts of Trinidad and Tobago to promote gender equality. In this context we encourage Trinidad and Tobago in particular to effectively implement the "Draft National Gender Policy".

Likewise, Turkey notes with satisfaction the establishment of the Central Registry on Domestic Violence for the purpose of collecting and analysing data on gender-based violence as a basis for informing policy and programmes aimed at reducing gender-based violence. The establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee to oversee the setting up of the Registry, is also worth mentioning.

We also appreciate the proclamation of a Children Act which seeks to ensure increased protection of children against sexual abuse and to modernize the juvenile justice system.

Moreover, Turkey gladly observes the ongoing efforts of the country for the reduction of violent crime in the public sphere through the enactment of various pieces of legislation.

In this regard, Turkey would like to **recommend** the following:

- 1) Ratify CAT.
- 2) Strengthen the cooperation with human rights mechanisms and extend a standing invitation to the special procedures.
- 3) Establish an adequate mechanism to ensure an effective response to sexual and domestic violence.
- 4) Improve efforts to address human trafficking by strengthening procedures for identifying victims of trafficking.

I thank you Mr. President.