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**UPR – Trinidad and Tobago**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Trinidad and Tobago, and we thank them for their national report and the presentation they shared with us today.

Italy welcomes the steps taken by Trinidad and Tobago to increase the promotion and protection of human rights and to implement the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR. We look with particular favor at the measures aimed at furthering the protection of children and at combating trafficking in persons. We also welcome the commitment that Trinidad and Tobago has demonstrated in promoting economic, social and cultural rights, and in particular the results achieved concerning the right to education.

Italy would like to offer Trinidad and Tobago the following **recommendations**:

1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol;
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
3. Ensure adequate follow up to the review of the Domestic Violence Act conducted in 2014-2015 in order to strengthen measures to prevent and combat against all forms of discrimination and violence against women, and consider adopting a national action plan to this end;
4. Consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium of capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty;
5. Decriminalize homosexuality and combat all forms of discrimination and abuse against LGBTI persons.

We wish Trinidad and Tobago a successful UPR.

Thank you.