



**Statement by Ms. Syuhada Adnan, Second Secretary
Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in Geneva
Review of Trinidad and Tobago
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Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and congratulates them for the presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia notes that Trinidad and Tobago has implemented various initiatives to improve the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We note that in combatting trafficking in persons, Trinidad and Tobago has enacted the Trafficking in Persons Act in 2013 and established the Counter Trafficking Unit for anti-trafficking operations. We also note that further actions have been taken to curb crime and violence, and improve the efficiency of the administration of justice to ensure early consideration of court cases.

3. Although significant progress has been made, Malaysia is of the view that several areas could be further improved. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Trinidad and Tobago:

- 3.1. **One:** take immediate and long term actions to eliminate discrimination and violence against women, narrow the gender parity in economic and social settings, and undertake public campaigns against gender-based violence;
- 3.2. **Two:** adopt a human rights based approach in the engagement with youth, and increase the resources for youth development in urban and rural areas, including by improving the access to and quality of education; and
- 3.3. **Three:** elevate the socioeconomic situation for persons with disabilities.

We wish Trinidad and Tobago the best for its future undertakings in the field of human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA
10 May 2016**