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Mongolia's statement at the Review of Trinidad and Tobago  
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Mr. President,

Mongolia would like to welcome the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago, and thank them for the presentation of their national report and constructive engagement with the UPR process.

We welcome the Government's commitment and considerable efforts made towards poverty reduction and socio-economic development. We also concur with Trinidad and Tobago on the importance of developing and implementing effective policies to safeguard and protect the rights of children, women and persons with disabilities. We commend Trinidad and Tobago for its decision to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Violence against women, human trafficking remains an issue of concern in Trinidad and Tobago, as in many places in the world. In this regard, we would like to note Trinidad and Tobago's efforts to combat such criminal activity, including through the proclamation of the Trafficking in Persons Act, 2011 in 2013.

Mongolia would like to recommend Trinidad and Tobago to continue expanding the legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights through the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED) as well as to consider taking steps towards the abolishment of death penalty.

We would also like to encourage Trinidad and Tobago to establish an independent National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), which will be instrumental in its efforts to promote and protect human rights at the national level.

I thank you, Mr. President.