**Statement by the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the Delegation of Costa Rica to their 4th Cycle review, and thanks Costa Rica for its comprehensive report and robust engagement in the process.

We acknowledge the advances made since the last review in strengthening its human rights framework, which included notable constitutional and legal reforms, and the expansion of the country’s policy framework in areas such as the environment, equality and non-discrimination, and the protection of women and girls. We highlight, in particular, the innovative National Action Plan on Gender Equality in Climate Action, and the positive steps taken to recognise the contributions of people of African descent.

In a constructive spirit, Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Costa Rica:

* Pursue the elaboration of a national Just Transition policy; and
* Continue efforts to address the digital divide.

We wish the Delegation of Costa Rica a successful review.

I thank you.