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

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes our fellow Caribbean Community (CARICOM) neighbor to its fourth cycle review, and thanks the Government of Dominica for its comprehensive report and robust engagement in this process.

Notably, this review takes place against the backdrop of the lingering and devastating effects of Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the deepening climate crisis, which poses an existential threat to Small Island Developing States such as Dominica. Accordingly, Trinidad and Tobago commends Dominica for the meaningful progress made since the third cycle to fulfil its international obligations under various human rights treaty bodies.

We highlight, in particular, the establishment of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF), the passage of new legislation such as the Suite of Family Laws, which includes the Domestic Violence Act, and the development of a comprehensive policy framework in pursuit of Dominica’s goal to become the first climate-resilient nation globally.

Bearing in mind the varied challenges highlighted by Dominica in its report, as it continues to pursue policies to improve the implementation of its human rights obligations, and in a constructive spirit, Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Dominica:

1. Continue to strengthen its national coordination and reporting mechanism, with the ongoing support of OHCHR and the Commonwealth Secretariat, among others, to meet its reporting obligations to treaty bodies; and
2. Continue to pursue efforts to bolster climate resilience and adaptation through collaboration with local, regional and international partners.

We wish the Delegation of Dominica a successful review.

I thank you.