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

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**Fourth Cycle Universal Periodic Review of Italy**

**48th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group,**

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*Time allotted: 1 minute*

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

We acknowledge the efforts made since the last review to strengthen its legislative and institutional framework to, *inter alia*, enhance gender equality and eliminate discrimination against women; combat climate change; and tackle racial discrimination. We highlight, in particular, the adoption of the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021-2026, the new National Action Plan against Racism, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and the National Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change.

In a constructive spirit, Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Italy:

1. Continue strengthening mechanisms to address racism and racial discrimination; and
2. Further strengthen measures to close the gender pay gap.

We wish the Delegation of Italy a successful review.

Thank you.