**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of the Third Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of**

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Thank you Madam President.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express its appreciation to our fellow Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member State Saint Kitts and Nevis for the presentation of its third cycle report and lauds the Government for its continued commitment to the implementation of mechanisms for safeguarding the human rights of its citizens.

Trinidad and Tobago acknowledges the steady progress made by Saint Kitts and Nevis since its last review, particularly in the areas related to human rights treaties and mechanisms. Saint Kitts and Nevis’ commitment to its human rights obligations, despite being challenged with limited resources and capacity constraints is to be commended.

As a small island developing state, Saint Kitts and Nevis is among those nations most affected by the pervasive effects of climate change, which have the propensity to impinge on many human rights. Trinidad and Tobago recognises that resilience-building mechanisms are pivotal for reducing climate change impacts and in this regard, we congratulate Saint Kitts and Nevis for the development of its Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, which outlines the plan of action for the Public and Private Sectors to achieve the Federation’s overarching climate change goals, which include mitigating any negative impacts on human rights.

Trinidad and Tobago encourages Saint Kitts and Nevis to continue engaging with international partners in order to benefit from greater technical assistance, with a view to strengthening its efforts to meet its human rights obligations. Continued engagement is a prudent strategy to alleviate some of the challenges of limited resources and capacity.

Madam President, Trinidad and Tobago extends its best wishes to Saint Kitts and Nevis for a successful review.

Thank you.

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