**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**

**Australia,**

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Thank you Madam President.

Trinidad and Tobago commends Australia for the presentation of its third cycle report and notes its commitment to protecting and promoting human rights. We recognise those areas in which progress has been made and are encouraged by the prospect of future advancement.

Australia’s strides in protecting civil and political rights for all persons within its territory are to be commended. Additionally, Trinidad and Tobago acknowledges the ongoing effort at all levels of Australian government to develop a new National Disability Strategy (NDS) in 2021.

Trinidad and Tobago shares in Australia’s concern about the disproportionate effects the current pandemic has had on vulnerable groups and commends Australia for its well-measured responses to mitigate the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

 Trinidad and Tobago wishes Australia a successful review.

Thank you.

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