**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**

**Seychelles,**

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Thank you Madam President.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express its appreciation to Seychelles for the presentation of its third cycle report.

We note Seychelles’ progress since its last review particularly in reforming and enhancing existing legislation, and its movement towards the enactment of new laws so as to remain in the forefront of advocating for the advancement of human rights practices. My delegation commends the work done in the judiciary particularly clearing the backlog of cases and encourages Seychelles to continue along this path. Seychelles’ commitment to human rights is evidenced by the notable strides made in deepening its participation in human rights instruments.

Seychelles continues to play an important role in global efforts to deliver more ambitious climate action. As a small island developing state Seychelles is promoting such ambitious climate action through its revised and up scaled Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and its Third National Communication to be presented at COP26 (UN Climate Change Conference) in November 2021.

Seychelles has achieved considerable success in the area of human rights despite being faced with various challenges. Trinidad and Tobago encourages continued engagement with the international community aimed at accessing needed support towards achieving desired targets in the area of human rights and related spheres.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes Seychelles a successful review.

Thank you.

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