**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**

**Paraguay,**

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Thank you Madam President.

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

Trinidad and Tobago recognizes Paraguay’s cooperation with protection mechanisms and notes efforts to address challenges relating to the fight against poverty and to improved access to food, health care, education, decent housing and a healthy environment, in particular for children, women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and older persons. Paraguay is to be commended for its prioritisation of respect for human dignity which manifests in its policies being focussed on the most vulnerable persons and groups in society.

Trinidad and Tobago acknowledges Paraguay’s consideration to making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Paraguay is to be applauded for its actions related to its education sector. In this regard, we have noted the National Education Plan 2024 and steps taken to improve access to and the quality of education. In a constructive spirit, Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Paraguay persist with its efforts to address remaining challenges.

Madam President, through you, Trinidad and Tobago wishes Paraguay a successful review.

I thank you.

Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva

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