**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 39th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Trinidad and Tobago**

**Statement by Australia**

**Tuesday 9 November 2021**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Trinidad and Tobago for efforts to honour its international obligations with respect to migrants and refugees, particularly its establishment of a National Registration Process to register Venezuelan nationals.

Australia recommends that **Trinidad and Tobago:**

1. **Adopt domestic legislation to reflect the provisions and principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and amend all legislation that discriminates against persons with disabilities.**
2. **Improve implementation of national legislation and policies to reduce gender- based violence and protect victims and survivors, including improving staff training for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service’s Gender-based Violence Unit.**
3. **Establish a de jure moratorium on the death penalty with a view to ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.**
4. **Amend the Equal Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination against LGBTI persons, and remove laws criminalising consensual same sex relations.**
5. **Enact legislation for the protection of refugees and the granting of asylum under international refugee instruments.**