**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Trinidad and Tobago***

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President,

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished delegation of Trinidad and Tobago and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria acknowledges that the country has made significant advances in the promotion and protection of human rights based on its voluntary commitments to accepted recommendations made at the last review. We note the revised National Policy on Persons with Disabilities in 2019. Yet, adequate legislation is lacking, especially to ensure non-discrimination and equal access in several areas, for instance, education.

We also recognize that Trinidad and Tobago has undertaken efforts to address the educational needs of children with disabilities within the mainstream education system.

Bulgaria would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to increase the training of personnel and set up the necessary infrastructure to properly include students with disabilities and children with special needs.
2. Adopt legislation to reflect the provisions and principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and consider amending all legislation that discriminated against persons with disabilities.

We wish the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago a successful review!

Thank you.