**Permanent Mission of Barbados**

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**at the Universal Periodic Review of Trinidad and Tobago**

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Madame President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago. We commend the significant advances it has made, in the promotion and protection of human rights, based on its voluntary commitments to accepted recommendations, made at the last review.

We also recognise the challenges confronting the country, notably the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. With regard to the latter, we note the emphasis on adopting approaches in a respectful and responsive manner - through the implementation of legislative measures to slow and reduce transmission of the virus to ensure protection of citizens.

We recommend that Trinidad and Tobago:

1. Continue to apply human rights principles as it seeks to implement its COVID-19 recovery.
2. Continue strengthening the institutions responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly in the areas of social protection and poverty alleviation.
3. Maintain its commitment to advocating for climate action that is consistent with existing human rights agreements, obligations, standards and principles.

We wish Trinidad and Tobago a successful review.

I thank you.