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Thank you, Mr. President.

Trinidad and Tobago thanks the Government of Barbados for its comprehensive report and welcomes our fellow Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member State’s robust engagement in its fourth cycle review.

Despite evident challenges and constraints occasioned by the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, several natural disasters and the deepening climate crisis, Barbados has made meaningful progress since its last review in 2018. On a broader yet interconnected note, we commend Barbados' leadership in the global arena on reform of the international financial architecture and on climate change through the Bridgetown Initiative.

My delegation wishes to recognise Barbados’ continued commitment to the fulfilment of its international obligations under various human rights treaty bodies.

We highlight, in particular, its ratification of the ILO Convention 190, its accession to the Marrakesh Treaty, as well as the establishment of the Social Justice Committee and the Household Mitigation Unit. We also commend Barbados for its efforts to combat gender-based violence.

As Barbados continues to pursue policies to improve the implementation of its human rights obligations, Trinidad and Tobago offers the following recommendations:

* Pursue access to capacity-building opportunities to enhance its data collection systems; and
* Strengthen efforts to improve access to quality early childhood care and education.

We wish the delegation of Barbados a successful review.

I thank you.