

**STATEMENT**

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA**

**AT THE**

**THIRD CYCLE OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF**

**MEXICO**

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

Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Mexico:

* Work towards ensuring that relevant federal legislation is consistent with the General Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents in respect of the minimum age for marriage;
* Continue taking the necessary steps to improve the number of qualified teachers within the education system; and
* Ensure that the relevant authorities are sensitised to the applicable human trafficking legislation.

We recognise the commitment to the implementation of the National Development Plan 2013-2018 and the National Human Rights Programme 2014-2018. We further acknowledge the progress made in improving the human rights framework inclusive of efforts to revise the criminal, civil and labour legislation from a gender perspective and to approve other legislative reforms; to combat poverty; to increase the protection of children at the state and federal levels; and to improve access of persons with disabilities to educational facilities and employment. We also note various initiatives undertaken relating to the establishment of Women’s Justice Centres; and relevant training in treaty compliance, human rights and gender-quality for judicial authorities and armed forces.

Trinidad and Tobago further takes this opportunity to extend its best wishes for a successful review.

I thank you.