**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of the Third Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of**

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Thank you Madam President.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express its appreciation to our fellow Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member State, Jamaica for the presentation of its third cycle report and applauds the Government for its continued commitment to the promotion and protection of all human rights. It is evident that the protection of human rights and the rule of law remain a priority for Jamaica.

Trinidad and Tobago notes the progress of Jamaica towards achieving its Vision 2030 National Development Plan and encourages the Government to remain steadfast in its efforts to overcome any lingering development challenges. Jamaica is to be commended on its National Policy on Poverty and National Poverty Reduction Programme which address the issue of poverty through a coordinated approach.

Mindful of the disastrous effects of climate change on small island developing states, Jamaica is to be congratulated for undertaking research to improve understanding of climate change impacts and support decision-making.

Trinidad and Tobago encourages Jamaica to sustain its efforts to improve public security, boost economic growth and environmental sustainability, and reduce the rate of chronic non-communicable diseases.

Madam President, Trinidad and Tobago extends its best wishes to Jamaica for a successful review.

Thank you.

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