**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**

**Honduras,**

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Thank you Madam President.

Trinidad and Tobago expresses its appreciation to Honduras for the presentation of its third cycle report and commends it for taking action on the majority of the recommendations emanating from its last Review.

As Honduras faces challenges associated with ensuring public safety, it deserves to be congratulated for its ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

In noting the areas of progress made by Honduras, Trinidad and Tobago recommends that Honduras persevere in its efforts to treat with lingering stereotypes and prejudice against Indigenous and Afro-Honduran peoples. The adoption of the Public Policy against Racism and Racial Discrimination for the Comprehensive Development of Indigenous and Afro-Honduran Peoples 2016–2022, is to be applauded and we look forward to its effective implementation.

Trinidad and Tobago acknowledges Honduras’ adoption of the Strategic Plan against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons 2016–2022 and recommends that sustained attention be given to addressing any remaining instances of forced labour and trafficking in persons.

Madam President, Trinidad and Tobago wishes Honduras a successful Review.

I thank you.

Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva

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