**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**

**the Marshall Islands,**

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Thank you Madam President.

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

We acknowledge the continuing efforts of the Government of the Marshall Islands to keep the protection of human rights as a national priority. The work of the country in the field of human rights has no doubt been recognized by the international community, given that it was elected to the Human Rights Council in 2019.

Mindful of the ongoing impacts of climate change, we stand in solidarity with the Marshall Islands as it works to combat those harmful effects. The Marshall Islands must be commended for its long-term climate strategy to become carbon neutral by 2050.

In commending the Marshall Islands for the work done since its last Review, Trinidad and Tobago encourages that the Government of the Marshall Islands to forge ahead with efforts aimed at addressing trafficking in persons and continue collaborating with its partners towards advancing programs that address human rights concerns affecting the people of the Marshall Islands.

Trinidad and Tobago wishes the Marshall Islands a successful Review.

Thank you.

Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva

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