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BY

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PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

AT THE

TWENTY-NINTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION

OF THE

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BEYOND
2014**

Mr. President,

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The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has achieved a number of successes with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD. However, we are quite aware that there remain certain challenges, but we are committed to ensuring equality and equity in an environment which would harness the talents of current and future generations.

Notwithstanding the strides we have made through proactive intervention by the Government, including efforts made to improve the efficacy of our Central Statistical Office (CSO) in order to promote evidence-based policy making, we

strengthen our institutional capacity in some areas including data collection and

— is the foundation of sustainable development." We also advocate that Sustainable development requires a holistic approach and recognition of the inter-linkages between human rights and the population dynamics that have materialized and which continue to emerge.

Mr. President

Increasingly diverse household structures and living arrangements require us to plan and build sustainable cities and strengthen urban-rural linkages. It is therefore crucial that we understand the population dynamics at the micro and macro levels for seamless integration into development planning at the national, regional and international levels. We agree that the development challenges we face require systematic participation of all stakeholders in crafting responses to these