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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FORWARDING, ON ITS OWN BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CO-SPONSORING DELEGATIONS OF THE BAHAMAS, BELIZE, GRENADA, PANAMA, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, AND SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, THE DRAFT DECLARATION “RENEWED COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS POST-COVID 19” FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE RELEVANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



DRAFT DECLARATION

RENEWED COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN THE AMERICAS POST COVID-19

(Presented by the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago on its own behalf and on behalf of
the co-sponsoring delegations of The Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and The Grenadines)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING its commitment to the Principles expressed in Article 3 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, to strengthening the actions of the Organization and its Member States for achieving the goals contained in Chapter VII of the Charter of the Organization, especially according to Article 30, and to the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, the American Convention and its Protocol on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Protocol of San Salvador);

RECALLING Article 15 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter which states that “the exercise of democracy promotes the preservation and good stewardship of the environment” and reiterates the necessity “to protect the environment, to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of future generations”, the commitments of Member States to climate action through the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and related accords, and the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS), and the right to development proclaimed in the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted in 1986 by the United Nations General Assembly, and reaffirmed by the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights;

 RECOGNIZING that to achieve sustainable development and to attain the 2030 Agenda’s goals, Member States need to continue addressing the scourges of structural racism, discrimination, intolerance, and inequality that particularly affect people in situations of vulnerability, in particular, women who have been further negatively impacted in the service sectors, including caregiving, to highlight the gender dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its risks to the full and equal exercise of the economic rights of women, which is a major setback to achieving sustainable development;

 WITH RENEWED COMMITMENT in this first year of the Decade of Action for the SDGs, to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Americas;

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach involving all Member States and all entities, organs, specialized bodies and secretariats of the Organization of American States, for attaining in their entirety, the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. To urge Member States to adopt individual and collective measures to address the structural and systemic causes underlying climate change - through their commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and related accords, corruption, discrimination, hunger and food and nutritional insecurity, forced migration, poverty, and violence.
3. To promote the role of the OAS through the General Secretariat, to collaborate with Member States and other relevant partners to identify trends, challenges, opportunities, and vulnerabilities, and provide technical assistance to Member States in their national sustainable development capacity-building efforts.



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