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Dear Mr. Glemarec

Re: Request for Input to the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund

Reference is made to your letter (*DCP/OED/2019/137.136*), dated March 20, 2019.

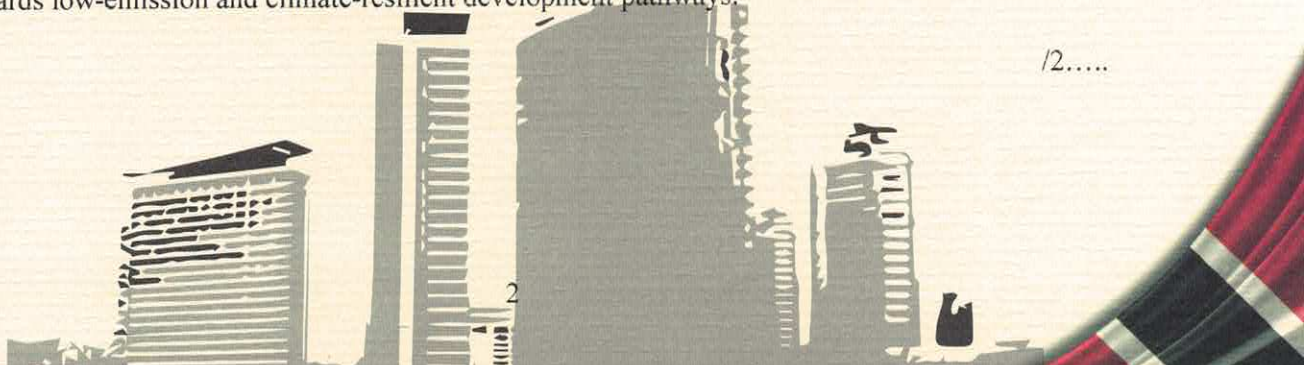
The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) is pleased to submit its input on the updated Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund, which would reflect national approaches and plans.

Trinidad and Tobago ratified its' National Determined Contribution (NDC) in February 2018 which aims to achieve a reduction objective in overall emissions from the three sectors of Transport , Industry and Power Generation ,by 15% by 2030 from BAU, which in absolute terms is an equivalent of one hundred and three million tonnes (103,000,000) of CO₂e. The estimated cost of meeting this objective is USD 2 billion, which is expected to be met partly through domestic funding and conditional on international financing including through the Green Climate Fund. In this regard, Trinidad and Tobago will commit to unconditionally reduce its public transportation emissions by 30% or one million, seven hundred thousand tonnes (1,700,000) CO₂e compared to 2013 levels by December 31, 2030.

In addition, an Implementation Plan for the NDCs were developed highlighting many mitigation activities to be undertaken to meet our commitments. Trinidad and Tobago also completed its first Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment in 2018, which directly identified eight key sectors that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which also provided some broad recommendations for each sector. As such, Trinidad and Tobago has been primarily focused on mitigation measures but there is also a need to further our adaptation planning process to mainstream these measures into national programmes and strategies.

In relation to the Strategic Plan for the GCF the GoRTT is in agreement that the Strategic Vision is still pertinent and should continue to strengthening country ownership and integrating efforts to meet country-specific needs, requirements, and circumstances. The Strategic Plan should also should continue to support the Paris Agreement whilst evolving within the climate financing environment promoting the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways.

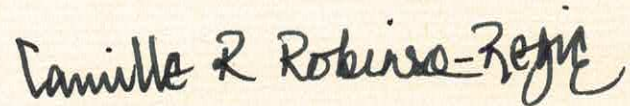
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To further support and empower Trinidad and Tobago towards build institutional capacity to transform its national climate adaptation and mitigation plans into GCF investment plans and project pipelines, we support and encourage the ambitious pursuit of country readiness programs and Simplified Approval Processes (SAPs)

I hope these comments proved useful to the finalization of the Green Climate Fund Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Camille R. Robinson-Regis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Camille Robinson-Regis, MP
Minister