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ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Second periodic reports submitted by States parties
under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Addendum
Trinidad and Tobago* **

[28 September 2000]

* The initial reports concerning rights covered by articles 6 to 9 (E/1984/6/Add.21), 10 to 12 (E/1986/3/Add.11) and 13 to 15 (E/1988/5/Add.1) submitted by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago were considered by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 1989 (see E/C.12/1989/SR.17-19).

** The Information submitted by Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with the guidelines concerning the initial part of reports of States parties is contained in the core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.110).

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314. There is a National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) Act, Chapter 39:58, which establishes the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology). The functions of the Institute are outlined in S.12 of this Act as follows:

“(a) To provide and promote scientific and technological services in the country;

(b) To promote and develop an indigenous capability in science and technology relevant to the developmental needs of the country;

(c) To assist national bodies and/or organizations in securing technology appropriate to their needs;

(d) To monitor and develop the curricula of the Scheduled Institutions;

(e) To promote and operate facilities for higher and continuing education and in

particular to:

(i) Undertake, promote and facilitate scientific and technological research and development and the provision of scientific and technological services;

(ii) Provide, promote and facilitate the provision of continuing education and specialized training at the post-secondary level;

(iii) Develop and collect information on scientific and technological development, to evaluate technologies used in or to be imported into the country and to facilitate the dissemination and application of new technologies;

(iv) Assist persons and organizations in securing access to technology appropriate to their needs;

(v) Designate where it considers it appropriate certain training institutions as approved bodies for the purpose of providing specialized and continuing education;

(f) To discharge any such other related functions as the Minister may assign to it from time to time;

(g) To do all things necessary, incidental or ancillary to the efficient discharge of its functions.”