

**First Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 29 of 1996

[L.S.]

AN ACT to require the Central Statistical Office and other public bodies to produce and maintain statistics relative to the counting of unremunerated work and to provide a mechanism for quantifying and recording the monetary value of such work.

[Assented to 16th October, 1996]

WHEREAS in 1985 the United Nations General Assembly ^{Preamble} adopted a resolution which states that the unremunerated contributions of women to all aspects

and sectors of development should be recognized, and appropriate efforts should be made to measure and reflect these contributions in national accounts and economic statistics and in the gross national product:

And whereas it is public policy to develop the contribution of women to the social, political and economic life in the country.

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Counting Unremunerated Work Act, 1996.

Duties of the
Director of the
Central Statistical
Office

2. The Director of the Central Statistical Office shall—

- (a) conduct periodic household surveys, at least once every three years to assess household incomes and breakdown of expenditures;
- (b) conduct surveys of unremunerated work performed in Trinidad and Tobago including—
 - (i) work performed in and around dwelling places;
 - (ii) work related to the care of children, the handicapped, the elderly and other care services;
 - (iii) agricultural work and work related to food production;
 - (iv) family businesses; and
 - (v) volunteer and community work in both the formal and informal sectors of society;
- (c) calculate the monetary value of such unremunerated work separately for men and women; and

(d) utilize the quantifications in paragraphs (b) and (c) for the purpose of compiling a supplemental record to the Gross National Product.

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of May, 1996.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of September, 1996.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House