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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Jamaica, and thank them for their presentation and report.

Italy welcomes the steps undertaken by Jamaica to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights and to implement many of the recommendations from the UPR and the various human rights treaty bodies. Italy encourages the Government of Jamaica to make further efforts to combat any form of discrimination, and would like to make the following recommendations:

- Strengthen the legal framework to combat discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- Enhance all efforts to combat discrimination and violence against women, in particular by quickly adopting and effectively implementing the National Strategic Action Plan to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence.

Moreover, Italy recommends to consider taking all necessary steps to introduce a de jure moratorium on capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty, and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

I thank you.