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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and the presentation of its 2nd UPR cycle national report.

The Philippines is cognizant of the serious adverse impact of climate change not only the human rights of the Jamaican people but also to the economic development of the Jamaica as a nation. It is highly commendable that, despite these serious challenges and constraints attributable to climate change, Jamaica’s adaptation and mitigation policies and programs as well its disaster risk reduction and preparedness strategies and programs maintain a human rights based approach. We **recommend** that Jamaica continue its advocacy for keeping global warming at or below 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial level.

My delegation acknowledges the improvements in the trafficking laws of Jamaica such the increased prison term for traffickers and expansion of scope of the crime of trafficking to include carnal abuse and rape and keeping the person in debt bondage. We **recommend** that Jamaica continue to provide adequate resources to its anti trafficking programs.

My delegation recalls that during the 1st cycle of the UPR, Jamaica accepted recommendations pertaining to the establishment of a national human rights institution. This did not materialize. We **recommend** that Jamaica step up its efforts to establish a national human rights institution that is compliant to the Paris Principles.

Finally, Mister President, we **recommend** that Jamaica consider ratifying ILO Convention 189. Thank you, Mister President.