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UPR of JAMAICA

Mr. President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Jamaica for their presentation.

We acknowledge the efforts of Jamaica to promote and protect women's rights, and welcome, in particular, the adoption of a National Policy for Gender Equality, the plans to correct systemic gender inequalities in political participation, and the preparation of a national plan of action to eliminate gender-based violence. We echo, however, the concern by CEDAW that the latter remains widespread.

We also note that LGBTI persons continue to face stigmatization, discrimination and violence. Our previous **recommendation**<sup>1</sup> in this regard stands.

Furthermore, we share the concern expressed by the CRC about the high rate of crime and violence, including the killings of children and gang violence in poor inner-city communities.

We offer the following **recommendations**:

- to ensure that gender-based violence is reported, duly investigated and prosecuted;
- to ratify OP-CEDAW;
- to repeal the laws that criminalize sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex;
- to take measures to eliminate the discrimination and stigmatization against LGBTI persons;
- to adopt and implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent violence against children;
- to declare a *de jure* moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing the capital punishment, and to consider ratifying ICCPR-OP2.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Decriminalize sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex, and address hate crimes on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, as a matter of urgency (101.21)