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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and the presentation of its National Report.

We welcome efforts in the implementation the country's National Development Plan, including great improvements in the education system, ensuring environmental sustainability and eradication of hunger. There have also been significant strides in enhancing gender equality and empowering women and girls. We further note with appreciation Jamaica's efforts in the full implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

South Africa further recognizes the challenges that lie ahead and recommends the following:

1. To continue efforts in reducing crime and violence including through social interventions, community programmes and more effective policing;
2. To advance the development of a National Poverty Policy and strengthen efforts in implementation of the country's Social Protection Strategy; and
3. To strengthen efforts on the implementation of the Child Care and Protection Act.

We wish Jamaica a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.