



Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on Agenda Item 149 Administration of Justice on behalf of the Government of Jamaica.

As this is the first time that I will speak since the beginning of the session, do allow me to extend congratulations to you and the rest of the bureau on your appointment to this high post.

Monsieur le président,

Ma délégation tient à remercier le Secrétaire général pour ses rapports sur l'administration de la justice à l'Organisation des Nations Unies et sur les activités du Bureau des services d'ombudsman et de médiation des Nations Unies contenus dans les documents A/77/156 (A / soixante dix sept/ cent cinquante six) et A/77/151 (A/ soixante dix -sept/ cent cinquante et un) , respectivement. Nous prenons note en outre du rapport du Conseil de justice interne sur l'administration de la justice à l'Organisation des Nations Unies, contenu dans le document A/77/130 (A/soixante dix sept/ cent trente) .

[Mr. Chair,

My delegation wishes to thank the Secretary -General for his Report on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, and on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services contained in documents A/77/156 and A/77/ 151, respectively. We further take note of the report of the Internal Justice Council on Administration of Justice at the United Nations, contained in document A/

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[Jamaica also commends and supports the commitment of the Office of Administration
of Justice to the promotion of multilingualism in these processes.]

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

Mr. Chair,

My delegation recalls paragraph 27 of resolution 74/258, which welcomed recommendation 9 on judicial efficiency and accountability. The Member States urged the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal to review and amend their respective rules of procedure, subject to the approval of the Assembly. This recommendation was made with a view to streamline and harmonize the approach to case management, including by ensuring that the first judicial action in a case is taken no later than 90 days from the date on which an application is filed. In paragraph 38 of resolution 75/248, the General Assembly decided, among other matters, to consider at its seventy-sixth session the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure of the Tribunal, which resulted in consultations, the withdrawal of the proposed amendments submitted to the General Assembly in annex II to A/75/162, and the submission of a revised proposal to the Assembly for consideration at its seventy-seventh session.

We thank the Dispute Tribunal for the revised draft rules of procedure and the Secretariat for their views on the amendments, noting the wide ranging comments provided. We look forward to discussing the major issues arising, with a view to making a determination on these amendments to the rules of procedure of the Dispute Tribunal.

Mr. Chair,

Finally, on the matter of the addition of paragraph 4 to article 9 of the statute of the Dispute Tribunal, Jamaica notes the language being proposed, and recognizes the importance of the issue raised. Jamaica looks forward to engaging constructively with colleague Member States on the matter of the proposed amendment of the statute of the Dispute Tribunal, given the need to clarify the scope of the review to be conducted by the Tribunals in disciplinary cases.

In closing, Mr. Chairman,

Jamaica remains committed to the process of institutionalization of sound management practices, and is confident that the jurisprudence, working methods and rules of procedures applicable in the administration of justice at the UN will continue to build confidence in the operations of the organization going forward.

I thank you.