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**STATEMENT**

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Madam President,

It is my special honour to congratulate you on your recent election as President of the General Assembly. The UN's mission to ensure gender parity is clearly bearing fruit.

This Dialogue on migration and development is quite timely and Jamaica wishes to associate itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China on this important subject.

Migration policies must be approached in a comprehensive manner, recognising the multi-dimensional nature of this phenomenon. We should therefore avoid the growing tendency to focus only on security and border control issues.

Other important concerns such as the human rights of migrants, identifying solutions to the negative impact of the "brain drain" and enhancing cooperation on issues related to migration and mobility are among those that should also be given equal treatment.

#### Remittances

Madam President,

Jamaica has experienced a rate of approximately 20,000 nationals migrating annually over the past four decades. One of the positive spin-offs of migration to Jamaica is the

Development (OECD) countries. This is estimated at over 60% annually in the case of Jamaica.

It is in this context that Jamaica supports the proposal for co-development. There is a compelling case to be made for the developed countries to make some financial contribution to developing countries to offset some of the costs incurred in the training of these graduates.

Co-development partnerships must be linked with an element of training so that local personnel can take over when experts leave.

communities in the host countries to allow for democratic and accountable representation including in the Diaspora Conferences. Jamaica also has the intention to create a Joint Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament. This initiative will elevate matters relating to the diaspora to the legislative level.

Our nationals overseas are increasingly politically empowered in their host countries. The diaspora must become strong advocates for policies which advance and protect the interest of their respective countries, the Region and its nationals both at home and abroad.

### Conclusion

Jamaica is of the view that this Dialogue must not stop here. What is critical is to build on its outcome so that talk can be followed up by action.

We strongly recommend that follow-up should promote policy research and analyses on migration and development with the imperative to formulate and implement appropriate actions.

I thank you.