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JAMAICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

STATEMENT BY

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ON

*MEETING THE CHALLENGE  
ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN*

TO THE  
57<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,

Jamaica has made significant social and economic strides through progressive legislation which has resulted in the upward mobility and empowerment of our women. However, like the rest of the world, an area of growing concern is domestic violence against women. With the election of the nation's first female Prime Minister who assumed office in January 2012, the Government of Jamaica renewed its commitment and redoubled its efforts to end violence against women. In her address to the 67th Session



Madam Chair,

We must move beyond plans, resolutions and agreements to action. Jamaica therefore is working determinedly on Public Education, Institutional Strengthening, Shelter Services, and promotion of Sustainable Livelihoods.

Legislation to support our commitments and national plans have been either introduced or strengthened. This has, for example, allowed for the establishment of a Sex Offenders Register, increasing remedies available to women and girls who are victims and

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imposed penalties on the perpetrators. Jamaica believes that successful measures like

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