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Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

As the international community prepares to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations later this year, and since only 5 years remain to meet the objectives of the 2030 agenda, this Forum is taking place at a critical juncture. We are seeking to add renewed impetus to the implementation of outcomes emanating from major conferences, including the SDG Summit, the Summit of the Future, the 3rd United Nations Oceans Conference, the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, and the upcoming World Summit on Social Development.

The UN has consistently contributed to building coherence, and an integrated approach for development across national, regional and global levels. The UN also remains relevant as an interlocutor to mobilize partnerships and maintain dialogue through the multilateral framework, and to accelerate progress on the Goals. We, the Member States, must therefore take concrete actions to revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development so that together, we can create the environment we need to ensure that no one is left behind.

For SIDS and other developing countries, shared challenges also bring opportunities for collaboration and strengthening capacity towards national development. The uneven pace of development for many countries facing the middle-income trap, also calls for our continued action.

Acceleration of the SDGs therefore requires targeted responses. In Jamaica, we have evaluated the progress of implementation and connections among the goals to identify health; education; industry, innovation and infrastructure; and sustainable communities as SDG accelerators. Policy prioritisation and coherence guides our development approach, which accounts for, among other areas, maintaining macroeconomic and social stability, supporting gender equality and leveraging the use of data.

As we look ahead, we also recognise the emerging challenges in many countries stemming from the effects of an ageing population and the

dwindling demographic dividend. For small countries like ours, with limited resource capacity and less developed markets, this has implications such as reduced consumption and loss of labour force.

To ensure progress in the face of these challenges, and to secure a more sustainable, just and peaceful future, we must act strategically to deliver on the SDGs. Jamaica remains committed to this process and we urge the rest of the international community to do the same.

Thank you.