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**STATEMENT**

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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to extend warmest congratulations to you and to the members of your bureau on your election to guide the work of the Twelfth Session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries. Jamaica is confident that the mantle of leadership has passed to experienced and able shoulders, and my delegation assures you of its fullest support as you guide this meeting to a successful outcome. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation for the kind words addressed to me as outgoing President of the Committee.

Let me also thank the UNDP Administrator and the staff of the Special Unit for TCDC for their continued stewardship, and for the very useful reports which have been produced for the Committee's consideration.

Mr. Chairman,

Jamaica associates itself with the statement made yesterday by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Group of 77. I will also be brief, since we have had very fruitful exchange during this debate and inter-active dialogue, and many useful ideas have been placed before the committee for consideration. It is important, however, for me to add Jamaica's voice to those who have underscored the importance of TCDC as an integral element in a comprehensive development strategy for developing countries. Our collective experiences have shown that developing countries have much to gain by sharing ideas and expertise; by exchanging information and technological know-how; by working together with common understanding and harnessing a common approach to confront increasingly complex development challenges.

We therefore strongly support continued effort on the part of the organs and agencies of the UN system to more clearly define and integrate the TCDC modality into the delivery of services, and to strengthen the capacity of developing countries to more effectively combine this element in national development strategies. In this, we believe the Special Unit for TCDC has a central role to play. We welcome the priority given South-South cooperation in the Administrator's Business Plan for 2000 – 2003. We look forward to seeing that commitment translated into the assignation of increased resources to strengthen the Unit, to ensure that it operates more effectively as the focal point for promoting TCDC and South-South cooperation throughout the UN system.

We noted that the review of the performance of the first TCDC cooperation framework (1997 –2000) revealed that despite the issuance of guidelines to mainstream the use of TCDC in the operational activities of the UN agencies, TCDC has not been systematically integrated into the regular programming of all agencies. In this regard, we also note the continued absence of a reporting system that would capture all TCDC activities. We share the view that such a monitoring mechanism would help to promote fuller integration of TCDC into the delivery of development assistance by the UN system. Jamaica therefore supports the focus to be given the second cooperation framework for TCDC where the mainstreaming of TCDC and the use of TCDC as a catalyst in national, subregional and regional programmes are concerned.

Mr. Chairman,

Jamaica welcomes the increased assistance from developed country partners through triangular cooperation. This mechanism provides the requisite financial support for the promotion of self-help strategies among developing countries. It reaps dividends in cost-effectiveness, while promoting partnership and enriching the development experience of participant developing countries. Jamaica therefore wishes to express its appreciation to those countries who have supported triangular cooperation programmes, and particularly to Japan, for its exemplary leadership in this area.

Jamaica also welcomes the involvement of a wider range of partners in TCDC. Their participation, however, should not detract from the need for continued commitment and support on the part of the donor community toward the financing of TCDC. The continued decline in core resources remains a central concern. The need for greater commitment of financial support cannot be overemphasized.

Mr. Chairman,

Jamaica supports the substantive focus to be given the work of the TCDC Special Unit in the second TCDC cooperation framework, particularly the emphasis on science and technology development. We strongly support the expansion of the Web of Information for Development (WIDE), and join the call for parallel support in ensuring connectivity and infrastructural capacity in developing countries so that they may maximize the benefit to be gained from knowledge networking.

Jamaica also looks to the Special Unit for TCDC for continued support of initiatives for the benefit of small island developing states, such as the SIDS Technical Assistance Programme (SIDSTAP) and the SIDS Information Network.

Finally, Mr. Chairman,

I would wish to recall the commitment that all member states made to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Programme of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries. I encourage fellow delegations to keep that commitment in mind this week, as we examine ways to strengthen TCDC and enhance South-South cooperation, for the benefit of all developing countries.

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