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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to address the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C – 34) during its Substantive Session. Jamaica aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

At the outset, let me congratulate you Mr. Chair, and the other Members of the Bureau on your appointment to this important task of reviewing UN peacekeeping operations as a whole.

My delegation further thanks the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Abdullah Shahid as well as Undersecretary General Lacroix for their opening presentations, and we look forward to receiving the remainder of the in-session briefings as the session progresses.

Mr. Chairman,

Global peace and security are the founding principles on which the United Nations was built, and is the unifying reason for our assembly today. Indeed, this imperative is strong enough to transcend social boundaries, and continues to be the driving force behind the work of the C-34. The realities of the time highlight the continued need for active and constructive engagement on all fronts to advance forward-thinking, practical, and constructive policies to guide the Global Peacekeeping Agenda. Jamaica is pleased to be a part of this ongoing discussion, and to contribute actively to the advancement of the Committee's mandate.

Mr. Chairman,

As a Small Island Developing State, Jamaica is uniquely aware of the extent to which the maintenance of peace and security is crucial if we are to foster continued social and economic growth and development. It is for this reason that we attach such importance to the work of this Committee, and to the continued sacrifices of the brave women and men who form our peace keeping contingents.

We recognize and salute the service and dedication of these brave individuals who, as Peacekeepers, courageously place themselves at the frontlines of conflict in dedication to the goals of the UN and in the service of humanity.

Mr. Chairman,

The onset and worldwide promulgation of the COVID – 19 pandemic over the past two (2) years have put our work here at the United Nations, and in particular, Peace Keeping Operations, to

great test. It is therefore commendable that despite the dire global circumstances, our peacekeeping missions remained steadfast in providing effective support to peace processes, and in containing and mitigating the spread of the virus. The Department of Peace Operations is also to be commended for the role they have played in guiding the execution of these operations.

Now that we are hopefully approaching the end of the pandemic, we have a unique opportunity to comprehensively assess our response mechanisms to treat with new and evolving demands, in preparation for future threats.

Mr. Chairman,

The promotion of gender parity in peacebuilding is closely aligned with Jamaica's national strategic plan. Consequently, we reiterate our firm commitment to the participation of women in all initiatives to promote peace and security. We are pleased and fully support the Secretary-General's system-wide strategy which sets the deadline of 2028 to achieve gender parity among internationally recruited staff across the UN system.

We encourage the Department of Peace Operations to continue to strengthen efforts to increase the number of female officers in peacekeeping missions, and look forward to future reports outlining efforts towards the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Mr. Chairman,

On the matter of partnerships, Jamaica supports cooperation between the United Nations and relevant regional, sub-regional and international organizations. We join with colleague Member States in underscoring the link between effective partnerships and an increase in the overall efficiency of peacekeeping Missions, through the building of synergies and the sharing of resources.

Mr. Chairman,

For several years, United Nations Specialized forces, including a contingent of Peacekeepers, have been assigned to our neighboring country of Haiti, to aid our brothers and sisters of that country. It is against this background that we welcomed the adoption of Security Council Resolution 2476 in 2019, to establish the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), a successor initiative to the MINUJUSTH.

Jamaica therefore welcomes the decision of the UN Security Council contained in S/RES/2600 (2021), to extend the mandate of BINUH to 15 July 2022, and supports the request for an assessment to be made of the mandate to further determine how it could be adjusted to address the ongoing challenges faced by the country.

Jamaica joins with the international community in encouraging the continued close collaboration and coordination between BINUH, the United Nations Country Team in Haiti, regional organizations and international financial institutions, with a view to helping the government of Haiti in their efforts to achieve long-term stability, sustainable development, and economic self-sufficiency.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, Jamaica remains fully committed to the cause of Peace and Security within the Global Community and will continue to assist the work of this Committee in efforts to achieve it.

I thank you.