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Madam President,

I welcome the opportunity to participate in this discussion and wish to proffer the following observations, in keeping with the acknowledgement that there are not only environmental but also social and economic ramifications of climate change:

- Jamaica is currently reviewing its Climate Change Policy Framework and Action Plan to better reflect the new climate realities affecting us as a small island state. We intend to develop an integrated strategy, buttressed by enabling policies, to effectively build resilience at all levels, including those established in the 2017 Paris Agreement. As a part of this endeavor, we are also reviewing our NDCs.
- Our Voluntary National Report to ECOSOC last year, highlighted the development of an innovative National Spatial Plan to ensure that our land and marine resources are being fully and effectively managed and utilised, while also addressing climate change and advancing the blue economy. We will continue to work with these objectives in mind.
- The Government of Jamaica Adaptation Fund Programme represents another significant climate change strategy. That programme, supported by the Kyoto Programme, has identified opportunities for public-private partnerships to protect the livelihoods of rural and coastal communities, which are especially vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.
- Jamaica is also implementing a Public Financial Management Policy for Natural Disaster Risk, which would include accumulating fiscal savings in a Contingency Fund that would only be used in the event of natural disasters.

- The international community needs to ensure the **ambitious and successful replenishment** of the GCF. This first replenishment of the Fund will enable it to fulfill its mandate to support developing countries towards low-emission and climate-resilient pathways.
- Multilateral Development Institutions (MDIs) play an important role in mobilizing private finance for development, by de-risking investments from the private sector through the use of innovative and blended finance instruments.
- Meaningful progress on global climate protection requires a corresponding commitment to providing the requisite financing, including through private sector investments to build resilient infrastructure. Those considerations motivated our Prime Minister's acceptance of the Secretary-General's invitation to join the coalition for mobilizing the agreed US\$100 billion per year by 2020 (*Abu Dhabi discussions could be referenced*).
- In June 2019, Jamaica joined the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action. The Coalition is expected to help countries mobilise and align the finance needed to implement their national climate action plans, establish best practices and factors climate risks and vulnerabilities into economic planning.
- Jamaica looks forward to working with you, as together we advance this objective, including in preparation for the September 2019 Climate Summit.

Thank you.