



**PERMANENT MISSION OF JAMAICA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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THIRD COMMITTEE**

**STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE
BY**

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ON

**DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/77/L.13/REV.1 ON "ADDRESSING
AND COUNTERING THE WORLD DRUG PROBLEM THROUGH A
COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED AND BALANCED APPROACH"**

CONFERENCE ROOM 1

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Mr. Chair,

I take this opportunity to deliver a statement in explanation of vote on the draft resolution.

Jamaica attaches great importance to international drug control and remains committed to the three international drug conventions.

The world drug problem presents a serious threat to public health and citizen security. In addition, socio-economic development is increasingly challenged by the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and the guns-for-drugs trade.

Jamaica considers international cooperation and the creation of synergies as critical in the fight against illicit drugs. For these reasons, my delegation will vote in favour of this resolution.

Mr. Chair,

Jamaica is currently a member of the CND and a traditional co-sponsor of the annual resolution entitled, "International cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem", i.e. the omnibus resolution. We therefore find it unfortunate that we are not in a position to co-sponsor the resolution before us today.

We consider that foregoing the anticipated omnibus resolution and presenting in its stead one that is limited in scope was regrettable. The consequences of this decision are the loss of key elements, as well as the conflation of agreed technical language that re-contextualizes concepts and the envisaged roles of relevant stakeholders.

Indeed, while the text mentions member states' commitment to the objectives of the three international drug conventions, it also undermines the role of the UNODC and the INCB in ensuring that governments meet their obligations under these conventions.

Despite the extensive efforts and flexibility of member states to achieve a truly comprehensive and balanced text, not all priorities were taken into consideration. In some cases, success at having them reflected in the resolution resulted from an extremely arduous series of negotiations, during which proposed language – even those that received broad support or no objection – were only reluctantly and belatedly incorporated in the text.

Mr. Chair, my delegation maintains the view that a resolution by a new title and with a new focus is, in fact, a

new resolution. Therefore, this year's text will not take precedence over nor be equated with the omnibus resolution, particularly as it does not enjoy consensus.

I ask that this statement be reflected in the official records of this meeting.