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**STATEMENT BY**

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Mr. President,

Let me begin by thanking Mr. Lodge, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), for the detailed and informative briefing that he has provided on the work of the Authority. It is fitting that for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Authority is able to speak so comprehensively to the many activities in which it is engaged in support of the fulfilment of its mandate.

Mr. President,

Against this background, it is commendable that the Authority has sought to augment its historic Strategic Plan with High Level Actions and accompanying indicators for the next 5-year period. My delegation will remain very actively engaged in this process so that we can ensure that the actions and targets are sufficiently ambitious to advance the work of the Authority.

Mr. President,

We also note the developments with the exploitation regulations and that a revised draft has been prepared for consideration. We are pleased that the new regulations will require Regional Environmental Management Plans (REMPS) and see the progress to date as being reflective of the need to ensure that environmental guarantees are incorporated into the regulations for their completion by the target date of 2020.

Mr. President,

My delegation also shared the concerns expressed by the Secretary-General with respect to the financial situation of the Authority and encourages delegations to fulfil their obligations in this regard.

I wish to close by underscoring the continued importance that Jamaica attaches to the work of the Authority. As Host Country, we remain committed to ensuring that the Authority is able to fully and effectively discharge its mandate. We too look forward to welcoming you to Jamaica.

Thank you.