



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

STATEMENT BY

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**Introducing the draft resolution, A/73/L.119, entitled
"Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the
transatlantic slave trade"**

**United Nations Headquarters
New York**

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Thank you, Madam President,

On behalf of the 14 CARICOM member states, I have the honor to introduce draft resolution A/73/L.119 entitled “Permanent Memorial to and Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade”.

Madame President,

This draft resolution is a procedural resolution with technical updates in keeping with resolutions previously adopted by the UN General Assembly. The draft resolution once again underscores the importance of continued educational outreach and public awareness of the transatlantic slave trade and slavery. It requests the Secretary-General once again to organize an annual series of activities to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade and to report thereon.

Madam President,

With your agreement, I wish to read out one oral amendment to operative paragraph 3 to correct the name of the office administering the trust fund. The Office of Central Support Services should be replaced with the United Nations Department of Operational Support.

Madam President,

In closing, allow me to express sincere gratitude to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions for the flexibility exercised during the consultation meetings held last week. We valued their constructive engagement and their spirit of compromise showed throughout the process. I also invite delegations that have not yet done so to co-sponsor the resolution.

The CARICOM looks forward to the adoption of the resolution by consensus as in previous years.

I thank you, Madam President.