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## Excellencies

It is appropriate for us to mark this milestone of the 60th anniversary of the Group of 77 and China with a celebratory but sober reflection on the journey we have undertaken. This has undoubtedly been a journey of impact and progress through collaboration and cooperation. As the largest intergovernmental caucus of developing countries in the United Nations, G77 and China has certainly served to ensure that our priorities are kept front and center, and to amplify our collective voice on the issues of importance to us on the global stage.

Over these last 60 years, the Group has fostered solidarity among member states of the Global South and advocated for their common interests on critical issues like sustainable development, economic cooperation, and social justice. It has championed the causes of reducing poverty and inequality, promoting inclusive growth, and advancing technological cooperation. In this regard, there is much to celebrate, as there have been many hard-won victories. The Pact for the Future and its annexes are testament to these efforts.

But undoubtedly, there is much more to be done. In a changing multilateral landscape with a membership significantly more diverse than ever before, the Group must be deliberate in its efforts to maintain its cohesiveness, solidarity and by extension, its influence over global affairs within the UN and beyond. This effort will require an open and honest conversation among ourselves about our working methods and modalities. The truth is that this is a conversation that needs to be had across the entire multilateral system, not just in relation to this group. As multilateralism is evolving before our very eyes, so must we be cognizant of the need to meet the moment with insightful and strategic efforts that will not only maintain, but will enhance our solidarity and our conscientious influence to ensure that the enduring tenets of international morality are kept at the center of our actions.

The 60th anniversary of the G77 and China is therefore not just a commemoration of past achievements but must also be a reaffirmation of our commitment to maintain our focus on laying foundations for a fairer, more equitable world.

Be assured that Jamaica will continue to work collaboratively and constructively within our group to leverage the power of our collective and united front to address the challenges of our time.