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Thank you, Chair

Jamaica aligns with the statement by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Jamaica considers that the effective and efficient operation of the disarmament machinery is critical to international peace and security.

Issues arising from the rapid advancement in science and technology in the international security domain, such as LAWS and AI, are of major concern for my delegation. International cooperation on disarmament is, therefore, crucial in light of the fact that some of these technologies are becoming increasingly available to transnational criminal networks. While we understand that the application of these technologies can be helpful, in terms of sophistication of the state's apparatus in managing criminal networks, we must ensure that their application adheres to ethics and international law, including international humanitarian law.

Focus on capacity building, technical assistance and research is critical in this regard, especially for developing countries with limited capacity. Jamaica especially values these types of interventions in the area of SALW and ammunition management. This is where we see the University for Peace and UNIDIR playing a critical role in the UN's disarmament machinery. We commend the UN, especially the UNODA, for the provision of fellowships and other capacity enhancing opportunities in the area of disarmament. We encourage bilateral partners to provide support to these initiatives, including at the regional level. We also see value in the UN's partnership with non-state actors on capacity building in the area of disarmament with a view to building capacity.

It is important that Member States preserve the predictability and sustainability of the UN disarmament architecture. Doing so requires states to abide by UN resolutions and decisions, adhere to their disarmament commitments and treaty obligations, including in the area of nuclear disarmament and disarmament in respect of other weapons of mass destruction. Jamaica believes that it is critical that all states implement confidence building measures in the area of disarmament at the regional and global levels to foster a predictable and peaceful international security environment. In this regard, universalization of disarmament treaties such as the NPT, CTBT and TPNW are critical building blocks.

Jamaica views the Conference on Disarmament (CD) as the sole multilateral negotiating body on disarmament. We welcome the adoption of the decision of the Conference on its work in June 2024.

We reiterate the importance of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) as the universal deliberative body within the UN multilateral disarmament architecture, to consider various problems in the field of disarmament and submit concrete recommendations to the General Assembly. We are particularly pleased with the adoption of the new topic of Working Group II on Emerging Technology in the Context of International Security in April of this year. We call on all members to demonstrate political will in the proceedings of the UNDC to ensure that the Commission effectively delivers on its mandate.

Building public awareness on the importance of disarmament is another feature of an effective disarmament machinery. Jamaica is pleased with the work being done by the UNODA through its regional centers and their level of cooperation with member states.

In closing, Madam Chair, Jamaica reaffirms its full commitment to the effective functioning of the UN disarmament machinery. As a small developing country, multilateralism is crucial to our protection and development. We believe that international peace and security can only be achieved through international cooperation capacity building, which includes the optimal functioning disarmament machinery.

I thank you.