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**UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH LEVEL PANEL
ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

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Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is indeed a pleasure to participate in the deliberations today on the report to the UN Secretary General by the UN High Level Panel on the Economic Empowerment of Women.

Mr. President,

We are committed to the protection of the rights of the most vulnerable among us, and to ensuring the welfare of all domestic workers, within the framework of our determination to promote decent work for all.

I am pleased, therefore, to announce that Jamaica has signed and is ratifying the ILO Domestic Worker's Convention C189. Our Instrument of Ratification is in the process of being deposited with the Depository of the Convention - the Director General of the International Labour Office.

We look forward to the early universalisation of the Convention and encourage States that have not yet done so to ratify the Instrument as soon as possible.

I thank you.