STATEMENT BY JAMAICA

ON AGENDA ITEM 9: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF ECLAC AND THE OUTCOMES OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY ECLAC SINCE ITS FORTIETH SESSION

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Excellencies,

Jamaica welcomes the reports of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC and recognises the important role they play in bringing governments together around shared development challenges. These mechanisms are most valuable when regional dialogue leads to tangible outcomes, making our institutions stronger, policies better and providing opportunities for countries to learn from one another.

Jamaica attaches particular importance to the work of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) as a space for articulating the development priorities of our subregion. In our view, the Caribbean perspective must extend across the Commission's broader agenda , including in statistics, population and development, digital transformation and strategic planning. The systemic challenges facing Caribbean SIDS cut across all these areas. One means of addressing this is to bolster South-South cooperation as well as triangular cooperation within ECLAC as this is also critical to unlocking solutions to our shared vulnerabilities.

We therefore encourage continued efforts to strengthen the connection between the decisions and technical work of ECLAC's subsidiary bodies and support at the national level. For smaller economies, agreeing on a regional framework is often only the beginning. The challenge is translating those commitments into policy with the institutional capacity to implement them and measuring whether they are producing results.

This is where ECLAC can continue to add real value: by linking regional consensus with country-level technical assistance, capacity-building and practical implementation support, particularly where national capacity is

constrained. Jamaica remains committed to active engagement across these mechanisms and to ensuring that the knowledge and cooperation they generate contribute to stronger national and regional outcomes.

I thank you.