



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

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Chair,

Jamaica aligns itself with the statements delivered by Belize and Indonesia on behalf of the Caribbean Community and the Non-Aligned Movement, respectively.

While Jamaica does not manufacture arms nor import them in significant quantities, we remain concerned about the global increase in small arms and light weapons destruction as reported by the UNODA, and its disastrous impact on societies. We therefore support efforts at the regional and multilateral levels towards curbing the illicit flow of small arms and light weapons and reducing the high incidence of armed violence.

Jamaica reiterates its commitment to the principles of the Arms Trade Treaty, the CCW and other norm-setting instruments. We urge all states to adhere to their international commitments and uphold global norms on these issues.

Chair,

Jamaica is implementing a multi-pronged strategy in this area, focused on developing legal and regulatory frameworks and building capacity. However, it is obvious that no country can tackle these challenges on its own and strategic collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders are absolute necessities.

Our partnerships have helped to strengthen the (legislative and administrative) framework governing weapon supplies, and to disrupt the illegal importation of weapons at ports of entry. These effectively complement our national development goals for the security sector, including initiatives to reduce violence, especially among the youth.

In this connection, we welcomed the conclusion of the SALIENT Jamaica program implemented over two phases between 2022 and 2025 with the support of the UNODC, UNLIREC, UNODA and UNESCO. This initiative contributed to the disruption of weapon supply and the enhancement of conflict resolution norms in Jamaica, with impact across the region.

Chair,

At the regional level, we are pursuing initiatives through the CARICOM IMPACS and UNLIREC to improve the control of small arms and reduce access to firearms and ammunition through the implementation of the *Caribbean Firearms Roadmap*.

The evidence is clear that the matter of conventional weapons is linked to transnational organized crime. We therefore call for a coordinated international campaign to cut off the flow of weapons, money, and influence that sustain these activities. We urge full implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the International Tracing Instrument as key tools that address conventional weapons. Major arms-exporting countries must tighten export controls, strengthen end-use monitoring, and ensure rigorous post-delivery verification.

Chair,

In closing, addressing the matter of conventional weapons remains a priority for Jamaica as we work towards curbing the increasing and diverse threats to regional and international peace and security.

Thank you.