



**PERMANENT MISSION OF JAMAICA  
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migration have resulted in a relatively low annual population growth rate of under 5 per cent over the past fifteen (15) years. The combined effects of the declining fertility and mortality rates have resulted in a rapidly ageing population. The child, adolescent and youth populations have all started to decline while the working age population (15-64 years) and the elderly are expanding rapidly. These dynamics are placing undue stress for reforms in education and training, health, social protection and labour market systems and service provisions.

Madam Chair

With a view to having a clear sense of Jamaica's progress in the achievement of international commitments in the