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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by Sudan on behalf of the  
G77 and China, Cuba on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and Mexico on behalf of

sharing of responsibilities between women and men has persisted because of cultural

and social norms, traditional beliefs, and stereotypes.

### Differential impact of HIV/AIDS

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has compounded the care responsibilities of women and girls

attitudes regarding gender roles and also to allow for the valuing of unpaid work in the home.

**Legislative measures to promote equal partnership between women and men at**

It is anticipated that the National Gender Policy presently being finalized will facilitate the drive towards the full and effective implementation of the gender mainstreaming process to accelerate the process of equal sharing between men and women in the context of HIV/AIDS.

The Property (Rights of Spouses) Act introduced in 2004 continues to facilitate the equitable distribution of property upon the breakdown of marriage and Common Law relationships (after five years duration in the case of the latter). This Act will recognize the unpaid work of women and men in the home. The companion Maintenance Act will also allow for equal rights and obligations for parents including care-giving responsibilities with respect to the support of each other and their children.

**Measures to support and strengthen the involvement of men in care-giving**

The Bureau of Women Affairs has partnered with local NGO's and social agencies, including "Fathers Incorporated" to support and strengthen the involvement of men

several non-governmental organizations, churches and service clubs on men's roles

encourage the dissemination of information, experiences and best practices on equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men.

Mr Chairman,

As we focus our minds on ensuring optimal use of dwindling financial resources in the face of the present world recession, the Government of Jamaica pledges to continue to strategize, to increase networking and to find innovative and creative means to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS.

I am confident of its commitment to the principles agreed on in the signing and