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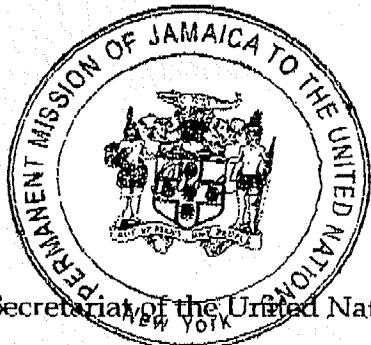
The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with reference to the latter's Note Ref. LA/COD/2, dated 9th April 2010, requesting the submission of information on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution A/Res/63/125, of 11 December 2008, has the honour to transmit the following reply:

The Government of Jamaica has drafted the necessary legislation to incorporate the provisions of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 into domestic law. The legislation is currently being reviewed by the relevant stakeholders. When the review is completed it will be submitted to the Parliament for enactment.

The Government of Jamaica has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. The provisions of the Optional Protocol have been implemented in domestic law by the Defence Act and regulations made under that Act.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 22nd June 2010



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