

# GoJ, DO NOT SIGN SAMOA AGREEMENT IN ITS CURRENT FORM

November 10, 2023

Dear Permanent Secretary Monteith,

I am aware of the upcoming planned signing of the new ACP-EU Agreement, the Samoa Agreement, on November 15.

Several clauses of the Agreement threaten to undermine Jamaica's sovereignty, the enjoyment of our existing fundamental human rights and freedoms including freedom of conscience and speech.

We are deeply concerned at the absence of any definition of human rights in the Agreement, and at the recommended reintroduction of Comprehensive Sexuality Education into our schools (Art.48(7) Caribbean Pact).

We are therefore urging the Honourable Prime Minister and Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade NOT to sign this Agreement in its current form or at a minimum, to enter a reservation to the Agreement that will protect our rights, freedoms and children's future, both the born and yet to be born, from any negative impact of this Agreement.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(Name)

Concerned Citizen of Jamaica

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