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**OPEN LETTER TO THE
PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA**

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The Most Honorable Andrew Holness, ON, MP
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
1 Devon Road
Kingston 10

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

**Re: USA Recommendations for Amendments to World Health Organisation
(WHO) Regulations**

We note with alarm certain recommendations by the USA for amendments to the management of future pandemics under the International Health Regulations (2005). The amendments are set to be adopted at the WHO's 75th World Health Assembly Meeting to be held from Sunday, May 22, 2022 to Saturday, May 28, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland. The draft Articles 12 and 13 of the captioned recommendations are excerpted in Attachment 1.

On the face of it, these recommendations, if adopted, will result in Jamaica ceding its sovereignty in relation to these matters to an unelected and foreign body, the WHO. We view this as wholly unsatisfactory and urgently request that the Government of Jamaica reject these proposals and recommend an appropriate alternative that will both serve the best interest of the people of Jamaica, and retain our national sovereignty.

The USA's recommendations are even more concerning as it is unclear whether the countries that followed the WHO's recommendations on COVID-19, experienced the best outcomes in the handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Yours faithfully,
(original signed)
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Chairman,
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Cc: Mr. Mark Golding, MP, Leader of the Opposition