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## HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL 4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON A UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEASANTS AND OTHER PEOPLE WORKING IN RURAL AREAS

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Statement by
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(Co-ordinator, GRULAC-Human Rights)

Thank you.

On behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries (GRULAC), Jamaica is honoured to formally present the candidacy of Her Excellency Ambassador Nardi Suxo Iturry, Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, to serve as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Open-ended working group on a United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People Working in Rural Areas.

Our Region attaches great importance to this process. We are, therefore, confident that the professional and personal qualities of Ambassador Suxo are ideal for this position.

It is the fervent wish of our Group that the candidacy of Ambassador Nardi Suxo Iturry will enjoy the support of other regional groups; and that the process of elaborating a UN declaration on the rights of peasants and other persons working in rural areas, will continue under her able stewardship.

I thank you.