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Executive Director's 2021 International Anti-Corruption Day Message to Staff

Dear Colleagues:

Today, December 9, is the day that the global community joins with the United Nations in commemorating International Anti-Corruption Day. This is being done to raise awareness about the scourge of corruption and the role of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in combating and preventing it.

International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed annually, on December 9, since the adoption of UNCAC on October 31, 2003. As of September 2021, there were 188 States Parties to the Convention. UNCAC requires States Parties to implement several anti-corruption measures in their Domestic Laws.

Jamaica signed the Convention on September 16, 2005, and ratified it on March 5, 2008.

Very importantly, Jamaica is also a party to the 1996 Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, which it ratified on March 16, 2001. The Treaty was the precursor to Jamaica's Corruption Prevention Act, which came into force on May 1, 2001.

Today, we, at the Integrity Commission of Jamaica, are associating with the United Nations, and national anti-corruption and law-enforcement agencies around the world, to lend our voice to the increasingly loud chorus that is highlighting the problem and costs of corruption, and why this scourge must be relentlessly fought.

We are playing our part by, among other things, publishing an extensive Anti-Corruption Supplement in today's editions of the country's two (2) daily newspapers, and I now take pleasure in sharing a PDF copy of same with you.

Let us recommit ourselves, Colleagues, to this very important cause, and to passionately lead the campaign, as we have all sworn to do, to secure the future of our country for the benefit of our children and our fellow Jamaican citizens!

Warm regards.

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