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**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **“LET’S TAKE JAMAICA BACK! PHONE-IN SESSION NO. 2”**

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ), in collaboration with the security forces, held its second phone-in session on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, between 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Following on the June session, at which 30 calls were received, an impressive 87 calls was received during the two-hour time period. This event is one in a series of initiatives to encourage greater support and collaboration between the public and the police.

Participants on last Thursday were Commissioner of Police Francis Forbes, Deputy Commissioner Tilford Johnson, Reverend Herro Blair, Dr. Carolyn Gomes and Mr. Clarence Clarke.

A common theme expressed by many of the callers was the great need for jobs to be created, especially for the youth. Of concern to some was that laws should be enforced more rigorously, particularly with regard to midnight noise and street vending, and for greater police presence on the streets. Also recommended was the formation of more Neighbourhood Watches, especially in the St. Catherine area.

“The calls received were impressive and came from persons who really care about Jamaica” noted Dr. Carolyn Gomes. “The callers were concerned and searching for answers.”

Calls ranged from commendations to concerns for the security forces and included one from a teenage caller, one person over eighty years old and even a caller from Canada, who felt that young Jamaicans should be given a greater voice and commended the “Phone-In” programme, especially being able to call in and speak to Senior Police without fear of being identified.

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PSOJ President, Oliver F. Clarke, stated, “This initiative provides a useful opportunity to clear up misconceptions and gives the public an opportunity for free, confidential expression. We want to emphasize that all information provided is confidential.”

“This “Phone-in” programme is bearing fruit”, said Commissioner Forbes. Private sector representatives and the public are asked to continue to support the efforts of the security personnel”.

The “Phone-In” is expected to be repeated on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2002.

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