



General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/43/243*
21 September 1988

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-third session

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

Letter dated 19 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an item entitled "Emergency assistance to Jamaica" in the agenda of the forty-third session of the General Assembly for priority consideration by the Assembly in Plenary.

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed herewith in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

(Signed) L. M. H. BARNETT
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Jamaica
to the United Nations

* Reissued for technical reasons.

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

The greatest disaster in modern Jamaican history occurred on 12 and 13 September 1988 when hurricane Gilbert devastated the island causing massive destruction of buildings and extensive damage to roads and agricultural crops. An estimated five hundred thousand people have been left homeless and total damage to property, agriculture and infrastructure has been estimated at several hundred million dollars. The people and Government of Jamaica are making every effort to help the country recover from the damage. The support and assistance of the international community will also be required in view of the magnitude of the disaster.
