Remarks By

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Official Opening of the

Franklyn Town Police Station

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:30 pm

Salutations

- **H**Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Fae Ellington
- **Honourable Dr. Horace Chang, Deputy Prime Minister of Jamaica AND Minister of National Security**
- **Honourable Zavia Mayne, Minister Of State in the Ministry of National Security**
- **4**Mr. Courtney Williams, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security
- Major General Antony Anderson, Commissioner of Police, Jamaica Constabulary Force
- **4**Mr. Donovan Williams, Member of Parliament Central Kingston

- Mr. Aniceto Rodriguez Ruiz, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Jamaica
- Dr. Wayne Henry, Chairman Jamaica Social Investment Fund
- Miss Celia Dillon, Project Manager Poverty Reduction Project - JSIF
- **4** Other Members of the JSIF Team
- Pastor Gavin Campbell, Church of God Deliverance Centre Ministries
- **4** Councillor, Charmaine Daniels
- Representatives from the various media houses including the JIS

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen

Today, marks a significant day in the lives of the citizens within the community of Franklyn Town and its environs.

I am sure you will all agree that the official handing-over

of the long-anticipated Police Station is an august occasion for all, in particular, the beneficiaries which include; the hardworking police men and women of the Jamaica Constabulary Force as well as the community members.

The Franklyn Town Police Station happens to be one (1) of two (2) police stations in the Kingston division which rehabilitated under the **Poverty Reduction** were Programme (PRP); the other one being the Denham Town Police Station. This sub-project supports the Government of Jamaica's strategy of "Improving Policing and Justice Processes" through the National Crime Prevention and Community Safety Strategy. We, at the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) are pleased to support such an initiative which fosters law enforcement. The provision of this newly refurbished facility is a step in the right direction as it seeks to assist the Police Officers in combating the various issues as well as to ensure safety and security for the citizens.

This valuable investment facilitates a thoroughly modern police station with adequate spacing to accommodate the day-to-day operations in addition to an area for various training initiatives. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Property Management Division of the JCF for their partnership support in agreeing to equipping the station with all the necessary furniture and appliances within the next few months. Additionally, special commendations to the European Union for their decades of significant grant funding to the people of Jamaica. Without their generosity, these impactful infrastructure projects would not be fruitful.

Ladies and gentlemen, thanks again for joining us and please enjoy the proceedings.

Thank you.