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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn shares a moment with European Ambassador to Jamaica, Her Excellency Marianne Van Steen (second right), Minister of Education and Youth, the Hon. Fayval Williams (third right), Race Director for Running Events, Alfred “Frano” Francis and Olympic bronze medalist, Megan Tapper (second left) at the launch of the second staging of the European Union 5K/10K Run. The event was held at the European Union Delegation in Kingston yesterday (January 31).

The race against crime is not a sprint but rather a marathon- Minister Cuthbert-Flynn

“I want to remind you that the race against crime is not a sprint but rather a marathon,” declares Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn.

The State Minister was speaking at the launch of the second staging of the European Union-Jamaica 5K/10K Run 2024, at the office of the European Union Delegation to Jamaica yesterday (January 31).

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn noted that the European Union’s (EU) continued commitment to supporting the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), has laid the foundation to reposition Jamaica’s posture for effective citizen security. She further noted that the GOJ through its Citizen Security Plan has made significant strides.

“We have focused on an integrated approach to crime prevention- that is support to the inter-school strategy across our targeted 34 primary and secondary schools, increased attention to



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parenting where we have exposed our parents to alternate mode of discipline and dispute resolution skills, targeted training opportunities through HEART Trust NSTA and most importantly, through the provision of case management services by MNS case managers to our youth and by extension the families, who are at the greatest risk of becoming fodder for those who continue to perpetuate violence,” she explained.

She further added: **“through technical assistance we have made significant advances in establishing robust data collection and in providing for monitoring, evaluation and sound learning techniques”**.

The State Minister expressed that crime and violence remains complex but **“it requires us to remain steadfast and focused as we seek to ensure that we build safer communities and improved individual resilience for those most affected.”**

The second staging of the European Union-Jamaica 5K/10K Run is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2024 in Downtown, Kingston.

