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Dear Mr. Alli,

Re: The Government of Jamaica's Letter of Request for Financing to support the Tourism Strategy and Action Plan for Jamaica – JA-T1149

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) has been advised that the Ministry of Tourism has commenced the development of its Tourism Strategy and Action Plan – 2023 (TSAP) with financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in the amount of **Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$350,000)** under a Technical Cooperation (TC) which was approved in 2018, with an initial anticipated four-year implementation period to end June 2022.

The TSAP is envisaged to be the main policy and planning framework for the development of Jamaica's tourism sector to 2030, and will serve as the roadmap for the continued successful development of Jamaica as a leading tourism destination. The GOJ wishes to highlight that the financing support from the IDB has facilitated the completion of Jamaica's competitiveness assessment as a tourist destination as well as assisted with completing the assessments of the: i) macro environment; ii) main competitors in the Caribbean; iii) socioeconomic, sociocultural impact of tourism; and iv) impact of climate change on the Tourism Industry.

However, it should be noted that there were several delays due to the COVID-19 containment measures, as well as a protracted procurement process for the consultancy firm which was engaged in March 2020. The delays resulted in the expiration of the financing without the completion of other critical components necessary for the development of the TSAP.

It is against this background that the MOFPS on behalf of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), hereby requests additional financing from the IDB in the amount of **One Hundred and Eighty Thousand United States Dollars (US\$180,000)** to support the continued development of the TSAP which is anticipated to be completed in 24 months. The GOJ is also requesting that the Project be Bank executed.

We look forward to the Bank's favourable consideration to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Rose Lemonius-Stewart (Mrs.)
for Financial Secretary