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Dear Mr. Edmunds,

**Re: The Government of Jamaica's Letter of Request to the Inter-American Development Bank for the
Fiscal Policy for Climate Change in Jamaica Technical Cooperation**

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) on behalf of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), hereby requests Technical Cooperation (TC) support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to aid in the implementation of the Fiscal Policy for Climate Change in Jamaica Project.

As a small island developing state, Jamaica is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and sea-level rises. Consequently, Jamaica has gradually implemented reforms to integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation into its policy framework, aiming to enhance its fiscal, financial and social resilience against climatic shocks. These measures include a variety of initiatives supported by external funding, such as the adoption of electric vehicles, reforestation, rainwater harvesting, the establishment of wind farms and the initiation of climate-smart business practices. However, challenges persist within Jamaica's climate change policy framework, such as insufficient data and research on the fiscal impacts of climate change, limited access to climate finance and technology, weak coordination and communication among stakeholders and the need for greater public awareness and participation in adaptation and mitigation efforts.

To mitigate these challenges, the TC aims to support the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) with an indicative budget of **One Million United States Dollars (US\$1,000,000)** by assisting the Ministry with integrating climate action in its fiscal policy and management through: (i) developing a strategic framework for fiscal planning and risk management for climate change; (ii) mainstreaming climate action in public expenditure and investment schemes; (iii) establishing a strategic alliance with the Fiscal Research Institute at the University of West Indies to build capacity and generate knowledge for climate-related fiscal policy and management; and (iv) disseminating findings, facilitating intersectoral coordination and providing green fiscal policy related training.

Considering the foregoing and the benefits to be derived by Jamaica from this TC, the MOFPS on behalf of the GOJ formally requests the captioned TC and asks that the Bank executes same on behalf of the GOJ.

The GOJ anticipates the usual kind cooperation of the Bank and awaits the favourable response of the Bank to this request.

Yours sincerely,

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Financial Secretary

**CC: Ms. Barbara Scott | Deputy Director General, External Cooperation Management and Project
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