



September 9, 2024

Mr. Lorenzo Escondeur Chief of Operations Inter-American Development Bank 6 Montrose Road, Kingston 6.

Dear Mr. Escondeur:

Request for Jamaica's participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation (TC) – RG-T4523"One Safe Caribbean for Youth Development: Supporting youth at high risk of gang involvement"

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), on behalf of the Government wishes to indicate Jamaica's interest to participate in the captioned Regional Technical Cooperation. The project is intended to reinforce the capacity of beneficiary countries (i.e. Bahamas, Barbados and Jamaica) to design and implement evidence-based violence prevention policies targeting youth at the highest risk of involvement in serious violence and gang activity. Specifically, the initiative proposes to: - (i) advance the design of social financing models for violence prevention; and (ii) develop integrated service delivery models for serious youth violence.

We anticipate that with Jamaica's participation in this regional project, there will be a greater understanding of violence prevention interventions for the Caribbean, along with unique ways for collaboration to achieve a greater regional effect.

The Government anticipates the IDB's favourable response to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Scott for Director General

cc: Ms. Dian Black, Deputy Financial Secretary, Debt Management Division, MOFPS Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe, Permanent Secretary, MNS

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Mr. Jean Eric Theinhardt Representative ag Inter-American Development Bank "Hythe", Welches Maxwell Main Road CHRIST CHURCH

Dear Sir,

<u>Letter of Request Technical Cooperation RG-T4523 –</u> One Safe Caribbean for Youth Development: Supporting Youth at <u>High Risk of Gang Involvement</u>

Reference is made to your correspondence, O-CCB/CBA-384/2024 dated August 2, 2024, on the captioned subject.

The Government of Barbados (GOB) advises that there is no objection to participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation *RG-T4523 – One Safe Caribbean for Youth Development: Supporting Youth at High Risk of Gang Involvement* valued at US\$50,000.00. As such, the Government welcomes the technical assistance for capacity building to advance the design of social financing models for violence prevention and develop integrated service delivery models for serious youth violence.

The non-objection has been supported by the Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment. In addition, this request has been approved by the Minister in Economic Affairs and Investment. The GOB acknowledges that the Bank is the Executing Agency of the TC and looks forward to its continued support.

Your kind consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

P. McCaskie

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