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Mr. Anton Edmunds
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Dear Mr. Edmunds,

Re: **Government of Jamaica/Inter-American Development Bank Loan Contract JA-O0004 Contingent Loan for Natural Disaster Emergencies – Request for Verification of Eligibility: Hurricane Beryl**

As you are aware, all of Jamaica was recently declared to be a Disaster Area, in accordance with section 26 of the Disaster Risk Management Act, the Measure thereby being cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (Hurricane Beryl) Order 2024. In the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, a category 4 hurricane, Jamaica is now engaged in the emergency response phase.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Loan Contract JA-O0004 *Contingent Loan for Natural Disaster Emergencies* and the related Operating Regulations, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) hereby requests the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) support to verify the eligibility of Hurricane Beryl, a category 4 system that significantly impacted the country on July 3,2024 to facilitate access to the loan resources. This request is based on the terms and conditions contractually established for the coverage activation and calculation of loan disbursements.

Additionally, given the impact of Hurricane Beryl, the GOJ also requests that the Bank approves Emergency Technical Cooperation (TC) support in the amount of US$200,000. Any required supporting documentation will be submitted in due course.

The GOJ thanks the Bank in advance for its prompt attention to this request and anticipates a favourable response.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Clarke, D.Phil., MP
Minister of Finance and the Public Service