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January 9th, 2026

Mrs. Shirley Gayle  
Country Representative  
Inter-American Development Bank  
IDB House, East Bay Street  
Nassau, Bahamas

Dear Mrs. Gayle,

**RE: Government of the Bahamas- Request for Technical Assistance for The Bahamas National Export Strategy.**

Reference is made to the captioned subject,

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, formally request technical assistance to support the implementation of The Bahamas National Export Strategy (2026–2030).

The Bahamas National Export Strategy provides a focused policy framework aimed at diversifying the Bahamian economy, strengthening export competitiveness, reducing vulnerability to external shocks, and expanding participation of small and medium-sized enterprises, youth, and women in export activity. While significant progress has been made in defining priority sectors and reform areas, targeted technical assistance is required to ensure effective execution of the Strategy.

Specifically, technical support is sought in the following areas:

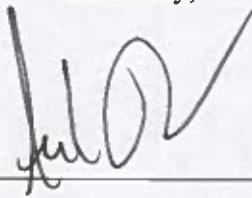
- Export sector prioritization and value chain analysis, including identification of high-impact subsectors within professional services, digital financial services, creative industries, shipping and logistics, fisheries and aquaculture, agriculture, and value-added manufacturing;
- Institutional strengthening and coordination, including assessment of existing trade and investment facilitation arrangements and recommendations to improve inter-agency effectiveness;
- Market access and trade facilitation, particularly in developing export promotion tools, strengthening overseas mission support, and enhancing engagement with regional and extra-regional markets;
- SME export readiness and capacity building, including skills development, mentorship frameworks, and access to market intelligence;
- Export finance and risk mitigation, including the design of appropriate export financing mechanisms tailored to the needs of Bahamian exporters;

- Human capital development, including alignment of education and training with export sector needs and guidance on targeted skilled labour attraction.

The requested technical assistance would play a critical role in translating the Strategy from policy to action, strengthening institutional capacity, and ensuring sustainable and inclusive export-led growth. The Government remains committed to close collaboration with development partners to achieve these objectives.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Wilson', written over a horizontal line.

Simon Wilson  
**Financial Secretary**