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Mr. Tomás Bermúdez
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Dear Mr. Bermúdez,

Technical Cooperation: Manpower Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago (TT-T1058)

I refer to the above captioned Technical Cooperation (TC), which is in the preparation phase. The objective of this TC is to create the foundations for the development of a skill development strategy to support the country's medium term goals of economic growth and diversification. The TC is in line with the objectives set in the country strategy between Trinidad and Tobago and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), as it will contribute to the development of a highly skilled workforce and the promotion of the quality and relevance of the education system.

To this end, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago requests the support of the IDB to finance the *TC: Manpower Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago*, in the amount of US\$400,000. Given the technical nature of the TC, we are also requesting that the IDB execute the TC, through the Labor Markets and Social Security Unit (SCL/LMK). The justification for this arrangement is that the execution by the IDB will enable access to the Bank's highly specialized expertise in labour markets, thus minimizing the risk of delay for the execution of the TC.

We look forward to a positive response regarding your support in this critical area.

Sincerely,


(f)Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

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