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**EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD OF THE COUNTRY STRATEGY WITH THE
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A. Objective

- 1.1 The objective of this document is to inform of the decision by the Vice President for Countries to extend the transition period of the Country Strategy (CS) with The Bahamas 2018-2022 (GN-2920-1) until May 31st, 2024. This extension is granted in accordance with the provisions set forth in paragraph 4.2¹ of the Country Strategy Guidelines (GN-2468-9).

B. Background

- 1.2 The Bank's Country Strategy with The Bahamas 2018-2022 (GN-2920-1) approved by the Board of Executive Directors on May 18th, 2018, covered the 2018-2022 period and was valid from its approval until the end of the transition period (May 31st, 2023).
- 1.3 Management deemed it necessary to extend the transition period of the Country Strategy considering the following circumstances:
 - a. An earlier than expected national election in September 2021 resulted in a change in Government and prompted a review of the country's development plans, which shifted the economic and social priorities.
 - b. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic extended the original timeline for the dialogue with the incoming government.
- 1.4 Taking into account the aforementioned circumstances, Management considers that the preparation of the CS would benefit from additional time to deepen the dialogue with the Government of The Bahamas.
- 1.5 In accordance with the Country Strategy Guidelines (document GN-2468-9, par. 4.4), the IDB Group must have a valid country strategy with the borrowing member country at the time any sovereign-guaranteed operations in that country are submitted to the IDB Board of Executive Directors for approval and when non-sovereign guaranteed operations are presented to the IIC Board of Executive Directors for approval.
- 1.6 In view of these considerations, the extension until May 31st, 2024, of the Country Strategy with The Bahamas (document GN-2920-1) has been granted.

¹ As per paragraph 4.2, the Vice President for Countries can extend the validity of the Country Strategy up to two years. The Programming Committee of the IDB Board of Executive Directors and the Committee of the Board of Executive Directors of the IIC will be notified when the extension is granted.