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Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
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Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones,

**Re: Request to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for Technical Cooperation for
Support for the Strengthening of Active Labour Market Policies in Jamaica (JA-T1124)**

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) hereby requests Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) support in the amount of **US\$250,000** from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to strengthen and expand Jamaica's National Apprenticeship Programme (NAP).

Under the current NAP, numerous apprentices have been engaged in training covering a wide range of skills and such initiatives effectively prepare a large segment of the workforce for job opportunities in the private sector deemed critical to ensuring that Jamaica optimises private investment and addresses the challenges associated with high unemployment.

The proposed Project will support the HEART Trust/NTA, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MOEYI) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) in enhancing the scope and building the capacity of the current NAP, as well as strengthen the Labour Market Information System (LMIS) in Jamaica. The TC which will be implemented by the HEART Trust/NTA with inputs from other key agencies has been the subject of significant consultation and has the support of several stakeholders.

The non-objection of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) is hereby provided for the Bank to execute this project however, a request is being made for all the relevant financial and procurement information to be made readily available to the GOJ.

In light of the expected positive impact of the project on the Government's growth agenda we look forward to the IDB's approval of this funding request and appreciate the support that will be provided to the labour market.

Yours sincerely,

Darlene Morrison
for Financial Secretary

- C. Ms. Barbara Scott, Deputy Director General (DDG), Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)
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