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August 13, 2019

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

Re: IDB Technical Cooperation (RG-T3404) - Digital Revolution of Trade Processes: Adoption of National and Regional Maritime Single Windows

The Planning Institute of Jamaica hereby requests the participation of Jamaica, through the Maritime Authority of Jamaica, in the referenced regional project which is aimed at establishing national Maritime Single Windows in several Caribbean countries and a regional Maritime Single Window (MSW). Jamaica's participation in this project will facilitate its planned accession to the International Convention on the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic which requires the establishment of a national MSW, a single port of entry for the exchange of all necessary information for maritime ship reporting and clearance. Additionally, the MSW will enhance efficiencies at our ports and serve to advance Jamaica's Logistics Hub Initiative, which is a critical pillar of the country's Growth Inducement Strategy.

Efficiency gains are also anticipated from Jamaica's participation in the regional MSW which will provide a single platform by which Caribbean countries can exchange information for inward and outward clearance of ships, thereby reducing reporting time and cost.

We recognise that given the nature of the activities and the need to coordinate among Caribbean countries, the IDB is best suited to implement the project.

We anticipate your positive response to this request and look forward to participating in this important technical cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Scott  
for Director General

cc. Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Peter Brady, DG, MAJ



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August 16, 2019

Ms. Rocío Medina Bolívar  
Representative  
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago  
Inter-American Development Bank  
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair  
Port of Spain

Dear Ms. Bolívar

**Trinidad and Tobago's Participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation – RG-T3404- Digital Revolution of Trade Processes: Adoption of National and Regional Maritime Single Windows**

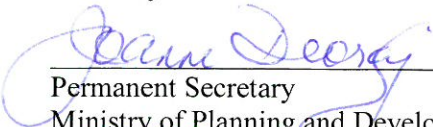
I refer to the above captioned Regional Technical Cooperation (TC), the objectives of which are to increase the adoption of digital solutions aimed at connecting and inter-connecting national and regional maritime transport stakeholders; support the implementation of National Maritime Single Windows; and initiate the development of a Caribbean Regional Maritime Single Window.

Trinidad and Tobago's National Development Strategy, Vision 2030, identified seven (7) key national economic areas as enablers for development. Maritime Services has been recognized as one (1) of the business clusters that provides opportunities for increasing exports and competitiveness. In light of this, the Ministry of Planning and Development, in collaboration with the Ministry of Works and Transport (Maritime Services Division), agree that this regional initiative will provide significant support for improving competitiveness and meeting Trinidad and Tobago's International Maritime Agreement obligations. Moreover, the on-going *Strengthening of the Single Electronic Window (SEW) for Trade and Business Facilitation* project, which is being executed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, will also benefit from the outputs of the Regional TC.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) requests the Bank's non-objection for the inclusion of Trinidad and Tobago in the Regional TC project. Furthermore, the GORTT is requesting that the Bank execute the project on its behalf to minimize the risk of delays in implementation.

We look forward to a positive response to this request.

Sincerely

  
Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Planning and Development

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