

BILATERAL AGREEMENT

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Name of Agreement: First amendment to the memorandum of understanding between The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), through the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) and The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for The OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarships Program (MOU).

Subject: Amendment to the grant regarding scholarships to citizens of the Bahamas.

Parties involved: GS/ OAS & The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Reference: Bahamas.

Signature Date: March 26, 2018

Place of Signature: Washington D.C

Unit in Charge: Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

Person in Charge: Kim Osborne

Additional notes:

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FOR

THE OAS-GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Parties, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment ("DHDEE"), and the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through its Ministry of Education, Science and Technology ("the Ministry");

CONSIDERING:

That the Parties signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the GS/OAS, through the DHDEE, and the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Scholarship Program on February 9, 2017 ("MOU"), in which the Parties created the OAS-Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Scholarship Program;

The desire of the Parties to modify the following points in the MOU: the number of scholarships offered as set forth in Article 3.2. of the MOU; the Academic Programs of Study listed in Annex I; the maximum contributions by both Parties as set forth in Articles 4.1., 4.2., and 5.4. of the MOU; and the expiration date of the MOU as set forth in Article 10.1. of the MOU.

That Article 10.2. of the MOU, which provides for its amendment by way of a writing signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties,

HEREBY AGREE:

1. Article 3.2. of the MOU is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

The Ministry shall grant up to forty (40) Scholarships to citizens of The Bahamas through the Program.

2. Article 4.1. is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

The Ministry shall award each Scholarship Recipient a grant of up to USD \$7,500 under the Program, for a maximum amount of USD \$300,000 per year, depending on the availability of funds. Scholarship Recipients who meet the criteria established in Article 3.5 may apply for the Scholarship each year directly with the Ministry, in conformity with the conditions stated in Article 3.6. No Scholarship Recipient shall receive from the Ministry more than USD \$30,000 in funds over the course of a four-year period. The funds awarded to Scholarship Recipients, where applicable, can be used to cover expenses including, but not limited to: round trip airfare, tuition and fees, subsistence allowance, book allowance, and health insurance. The Ministry will provide the funds directly to the Host Institutions upon receipt of the Scholarship Recipients' signed Scholarship Contract. Once all school fees are paid, Host Institutions shall seek approval from the Ministry before any remaining funds are advanced to the student directly.

3. Article 4.2. is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

The GS/OAS shall award each Scholarship Recipient a one-time Scholarship of USD \$1,000 under the Program, for a maximum amount of USD \$40,000 in Scholarships per year, depending on the availability of funds. The funds awarded to Scholarship Recipients can be used to cover expenses including, but not limited to: round trip airfare, tuition and fees, subsistence allowance, book allowance, and health insurance. The GS/OAS shall provide these scholarship funds directly to the Ministry.

4. Article 5.4. is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

The GS/OAS shall make a one-time payment per year under the Program to the Ministry pursuant to Article 4.2, above, of up to USD \$40,000, within thirty (30) days of receiving the corresponding invoice from the Ministry. The payment shall be made as per instructions subsequently received by the Ministry's duly appointed Representative.

5.4.1. To receive this payment, the Ministry shall submit the invoice in question no later than September 30, 2018, to:

Department of Human Development, Education and Employment
General Secretariat of the Organization of American States
1889 F Street, NW, Suite 760
Washington, D.C., 20006

with electronic copies to: Blanca Ochoa at bochoa@oas.org with copy to Yurismay Flores at yflores@oas.org and Nichole Duncan at nduncan@oas.org.

ANNEX I

PRIORITY ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL AREAS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

ACADEMIC AREAS	TECHNICAL AREAS
Public Administration and Policy	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Actuarial Science	Auto Mechanics
Agricultural Studies	Aviation Mechanics
Airport Management	Aviation Studies
Anthropology	Building Inspection
Architecture	Carpentry
Archival Management	Construction Technology
Archival Materials Processing	Dental Hygiene
Conservation Management	Diesel Mechanics
Construction Management	Disaster Recovery
Engineering	Dry Wall
Ecology	Electronic Technology
Arts and Fine Arts including Music	Emergency Medical Services
Foreign Languages	Fire & Safety Protection / Management
Geographic Information Systems	Laboratory Technology
Heritage Management	Masonry
Hospitality Studies	Medical Equipment Repair & Maintenance
Hotel Management	Medical Technology
Information Technology	Occupational Therapy
Land Surveying	Physical Therapy
Management Information Systems	Plumbing
Mathematics	Respiratory Technology
Marine Studies	Roofing
Performing Arts	Steel Fabrication
Pharmacy	Surgical Technology
Project Management	Tiling
Psychology - Post Graduate ONLY	Welding
Quantity Surveying	
Social Work - Post Graduate ONLY	
Speech Pathology	
Sustainable Development	
Tourism & Development	
Urban Development/Planning	
Water Management/Distribution	

5.4.2. The Ministry shall bear any and all costs associated with the bank transfer of the payment. Neither Party shall be responsible for currency devaluation of Scholarship funds sent in US dollars to the Scholarship Recipients.

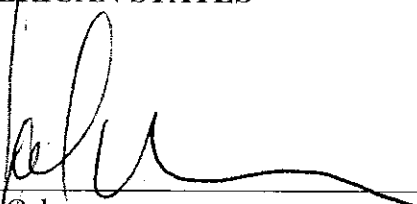
5. Article 10.1 is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

This MOU shall enter into force as of the date of signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties, and shall remain in force until December 31, 2021, subject to Article 10.4. In any event, Scholarship Recipients who are admitted into an Academic Program of Study that takes up to 4 years to complete may remain in the Program to receive their certificate or degree, despite the period of validity stated herein, and may apply for additional funding directly with the Ministry, in accordance with the terms established in Article III above.

6. Annex I to the MOU is hereby amended and replaced by the document attached herein as Annex I.
7. All terms and conditions of the MOU that are not inconsistent with this Amendment to the MOU remain in force and of full effect.
8. This Amendment to the MOU shall be attached as an Annex to the MOU.

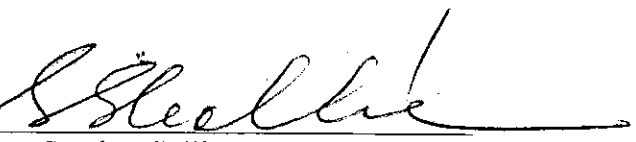
SIGNED by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties in duplicate originals at the place and on the date indicated below:

**FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES**



Kim Osborne
Executive Secretary (SEDI)

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
BAHAMAS**



Sidney Stanley Collie
Ambassador

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