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Parties:
Partes:

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Place of Signature:

Washington, DC/ Nassau, Bahamas

Lieu de la Signature:

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Unidad Encargada:

Unit in Charge:

Unité Responsable:

Unidade Encarregada:

Persona Encargada:

Person in Charge:

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

THE BAHAMAS TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE

FOR

THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT CHILE-OAS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CARICOM COUNTRIES

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), a public international organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment ("DHDEE"), represented by Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, and The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute ("BTVI"), a post-secondary institution licensed by the Ministry of Education, and located at Nassau, The Bahamas, represented by Robert W. Robertson, President, who is authorized to sign this MOU on behalf of the BTVI;

CONSIDERING,

That on November 10, 2017, the GS/OAS and the International Cooperation Agency of Chile ("AGCI") signed a Cooperation Agreement to execute a project titled "Chile-OAS Scholarships for CARICOM Countries" ("Project"), through which the AGCI has paid to the GS/OAS a contribution to fund scholarships benefiting citizens and permanent residents of CARICOM countries;

That the GS/OAS is responsible for managing the execution of the Project and has committed to identifying programs and establishing partnerships, on behalf of the AGCI, that will advance the education and training of scholars and professionals who are from CARICOM countries;

That BTVI offers courses that qualify for the Project;

That the Parties share an interest in furthering the education and training of talented professionals who are citizens of CARICOM countries and have decided to offer a scholarship through the Project ("Scholarship(s)" or "OAS-BTVI Scholarship(s)"), which shall be administered under the GS/OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training ("PAEC"); And

That the GS/OAS is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States ("OAS") and is authorized to carry out relations of cooperation in accordance with Article 112(h) and the Charter and OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-O/71);

AGREE:

I. THE PROGRAM

1.1 The BTVI shall offer its Pre-and-Post Hurricane Readiness Training Course ("Course"), and shall facilitate the placement of two cohorts of thirty (30), a total of sixty (60) scholarship recipients, who are citizens of The Bahamas (hereinafter "Scholarship Recipients").

1.2 The Course shall take five (5) days to complete and will be held onsite in Harbour Island during the period from June 24 -28, 2019; and Exuma during the period July 1 – 5, 2019.

1.3 On successful completion of the Course and Scholarship requirements, each Scholarship Recipient shall receive a certificate from the BTVI.

II. THE SCHOLARSHIP

2.1 The BTVI shall receive USD 10,000 to cover the following expenses to offer the Course:

- a) Facilitator's fee of USD 6,500;
- b) Facilities of USD 500;
- c) Participant's local transportation fee of USD 600; and
- d) Others such as meals and accommodation of USD 2,400.

2.2 The BTVI shall cover the cost of the following expenses to offer the Course:

- a) Course fee and materials of USD 6500;
- b) Recruiting of USD 500; and
- c) Certificates of USD 500.

2.3 The BTVI shall be responsible for the disbursement in favor of the Scholarship Recipients of the funds corresponding to c) and d) of Article 2.1 above.

2.4 The benefits of the Scholarship described above are subject to the availability of funds by both Parties.

2.5 Under the coverage of this MOU, neither BTVI nor GS/OAS shall provide funds for the following expenses, which shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Scholarship Recipients:

- a) Remaining cost of meals, local transportation, and materials and other incidental not met by c) and d) of Article 2.1 above; and
- b) Any additional costs that are not included in the OAS-BTVI Scholarship.

2.6 When announcing the availability of the Scholarships, the Parties shall clearly inform all potential applicants that the expenses listed in article 2.5 above are the sole and exclusive responsibility of OAS-BTVI Scholarship Recipients. In addition, OAS-BTVI Scholarship Recipients will be informed that the GS/OAS is not responsible for their safety and security at any time.

III. THE GS/OAS CONTRIBUTION

3.1 The total amount paid to BTVI by GS/OAS under this MOU will not exceed USD 10,000 (“GS/OAS Contribution”), which BTVI shall use to fund sixty (60) Scholarship Recipients in the terms indicated in Article 2.1.

3.2 To receive payment, BTVI shall submit the corresponding invoice to the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment, addressed to the Coordinator identified in article 5.1, and send electronically to Yurismay Flores at yflores@oas.org, with copy to Nichole Duncan at nduncan@oas.org, by June 14, 2019. Payment of the GS/OAS Contribution by the GS/OAS shall be made within thirty (30) days of receiving the invoice.

3.3 The BTVI shall submit proof of disbursement of scholarship benefits to the Scholarship Recipients to the GS/OAS by providing receipts, signed and dated by the Scholarship Recipients, to Yurismay Flores at yflores@oas.org with copy to Nichole Duncan at nduncan@oas.org within thirty (30) days after the Course’s end date.

3.4 The BTVI shall reimburse GS/OAS the full amount of any portion of the GS/OAS Contribution relating to any Scholarship Recipient who does not register for the Course subsequent to the receipt of the GS/OAS Contribution by the BTVI. Reimbursement of the GS/OAS Contribution by the BTVI shall be made within sixty (60) days after the Course’s end date, and within the same term the BTVI shall submit a transfer receipt of the reimbursement to the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment, addressed to the Coordinator identified in article 5.1, and send electronically to Yurismay Flores at yflores@oas.org with copy to Nichole Duncan at nduncan@oas.org.

3.5 The BTVI shall reimburse GS/OAS the full amount of any portion of the GS/OAS Contribution relating to any Scholarship Recipient who drops-out of the Course after receiving the Scholarship funds, unless for compelling and unforeseeable reasons, which assessment shall be left to the discretion of the GS/OAS. Reimbursement of the GS/OAS Contribution by the BTVI shall be made within sixty (60) days after the Course’s end date, and within the same term the BTVI shall submit a transfer receipt of the reimbursement to the Department of Human Development, Education and

Employment, addressed to the Coordinator identified in article 5.1, and send electronically to Yurismay Flores at yflores@oas.org with copy to Nichole Duncan at nduncan@oas.org.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION AND FOLLOW-UP

4.1 DHDEE and BTVI shall together select the Scholarship Recipients in accordance with the criteria, recruitment, and selection process to which they have agreed, and as outlined in the Scholarship announcement.

4.2 BTVI shall promptly inform DHDEE if any of the Scholarship Recipients does not participate in or complete the Course, and shall also inform DHDEE when the Scholarship Recipients have successfully completed the Course. BTVI shall share its evaluation reports with DHDEE.

4.3 Scholarship Recipients must agree and adhere to the Scholarship Recipient's Obligations, as set forth in the Acceptance Form attached hereto as Annex I to this MOU.

V. COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATIONS

5.1 The GS/OAS area with responsibility for coordinating GS/OAS activities under this MOU is the Executive Office of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, and the Coordinator is Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development. Notifications and communications shall be sent to the Coordinator at the following address, telephone number, and e-mail address:

Kim Osborne
Executive Secretary for Integral Development
General Secretariat of the Organization of American States
Department of Human Development, Education and Employment
1889 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
United States of America
Tel.: (1-202) 370-9771
Email: scholarships@oas.org or kosborne@oas.org

5.2 The Office of the President is responsible for coordinating BTVI activities and responsibilities under this MOU. The Coordinator is Robert W. Robertson, President. Notifications and communications shall be sent to the Coordinator at the following address, telephone number, and email address:

Robert W. Robertson, PhD.
President
Office of the President

The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI)
Old Trail Road
Tel.:(242) 502-6305
Email: robertsonr@btvi.edu.bs

5.3 All communications and legal notices pertaining to this MOU will be validly made only when they are sent by mail or electronic mail addressed to the Coordinators whose names are set out in articles 5.1 and 5.2, above. When the communications and notifications are transmitted by electronic mail, they shall be valid when they are sent directly from the electronic address of the Coordinator of one of the Parties to the electronic address of the Coordinator of the other.

5.4 Either Party may change the responsible dependency, the designated Coordinator, the address, telephone or electronic mail indicated by notifying the other Party in writing.

VI. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

6.1 Nothing in this MOU constitutes an express or implied waiver of the privileges and immunities of the OAS, the GS/OAS, their personnel, and their assets, in accordance with the OAS Charter, the Agreement between the GS/OAS and the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on the Functioning of the Office of the GS/OAS and the Recognition of its Privileges and Immunities dated May 29, 1997; or any other relevant agreements; applicable laws; and general principles and practices of international law.

VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1 Any dispute or complaint that may arise in conjunction with the application or interpretation of this MOU shall be settled by direct negotiations between the Parties. If a solution satisfactory to both Parties cannot be reached, then the Parties shall submit their differences to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"). The place of arbitration shall be Washington, D.C., U.S.A. The language of the proceedings shall be English. The three arbitrators or, as the case may be, the one arbitrator, shall decide the dispute as *amiable compositeur* or *ex aequo et bono*. The arbitrator's decision shall be final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

7.2 The law applicable to this MOU and to the arbitration proceeding shall be the law of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for the debt or financial obligation of any Scholarship Recipient.

8.2 This MOU shall enter into force as of the latest date of signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties, and shall remain in force until November 30, 2019 subject to Article 8.5 below.

8.3 Modifications to this MOU may only be made by mutual agreement in writing, dated and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties. The instruments in which the modifications are set out shall be attached as annexes to this MOU and shall form part of it.

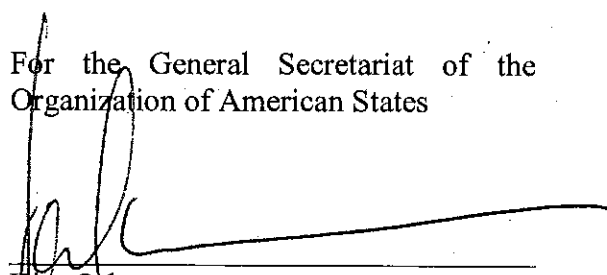
8.4 This MOU may be amended based on the availability of funds of the Parties.

8.5 This MOU may be terminated by written agreement signed by the Parties, or may be terminated unilaterally by either Party without cause, upon no less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other, at the contact information indicated in Article V. If this MOU is terminated unilaterally, it shall remain in force with respect to all Scholarship Recipients who as of the date of notice have already been officially notified of their selection as a Scholarship Recipient of the Course in any given academic year through 2020.

8.6 Articles VI and VII shall survive the expiry or termination of this 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 for Integral
Development

For The Bahamas Technical and
Vocational Institute



Robert Robertson
President

Place: Washington DC

Date: 2019-06-10

Place: Nassau, Bahamas

Date: 2019-05-17

ANNEX I

**2019 OAS - BTVI SCHOLARSHIP
ACCEPTANCE FORM**

**OAS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT**

Scholarship Recipient	
Name (as it appears in passport)	
Country of citizenship	
Passport number	
Country of issue	
Address	
Telephone	
Email address	
Emergency contact	
Emergency contact's telephone	
COURSE / TRAINING	
Name of the Course / Training	Pre-and-Post Hurricane Readiness Training
Academic Institution	The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute
Dates	
Country of Study / Modality	The Bahamas, Onsite

I, (hereinafter "Scholarship Recipient"), hereby accept the Scholarship offered by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter "GS/OAS") for the Course detailed above, and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. BENEFITS:

- 1.1 The Scholarship benefits include:
 - a) Course fee and materials; and
 - b) Meals and accommodation.

- 1.2 The GS/OAS and BTVI reserve the right to change and/or cancel the above listed benefits at any time and without prior notice.

2. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATIONS:

- 2.1 Scholarship Recipient is responsible for any other costs not included in Article 1.1. above, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Local transportation, and materials and other incidental not met by Article 1.1 above; and
 - b) Any additional costs that are not included in the OAS-BTVI Scholarship.
- 2.2 Scholarship Recipient is responsible for obtaining from other sources the financial resources necessary to cover costs associated with his/her participation in the Course that are not covered by the Scholarship.
- 2.3 The GS/OAS and BTVI are not responsible for the health insurance cost of any Scholarship Recipient. Scholarship Recipient should purchase an additional international health insurance plan that provides the coverage that is required by BTVI, if necessary.
- 2.4 Neither GS/OAS nor BTVI shall be responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, in any way for Scholarship Recipient's debt or financial obligations to the other Party or to any third parties. To the extent the Scholarship Recipient fails to fulfill her/his financial obligation with GS/OAS or BTVI Articles 6.1, 6.3 and 8.1 may apply.
- 2.5 Scholarship Recipient is required to complete the Course according to the time frames established by BTVI.
- 2.6 This Scholarship is subject to the Scholarship Recipient complying with all of the obligations set forth in this Acceptance Form and the requirements of the Scholarship and the Course, as set forth by BTVI.
- 2.7 The Scholarship Recipient authorizes GS/OAS to access any reports and/or records created by BTVI.
- 2.8 The Scholarship Recipient shall participate in any orientation session required by GS/OAS and/or BTVI.
- 2.9 The Scholarship Recipient agrees to comply with BTVI policies on student conduct and to refrain from participating in activities or improper behavior that might be inconsistent with the conduct expected of a scholarship recipient of the GS/OAS and BTVI. BTVI has discretion to determine whether a Scholarship Recipient's conduct fails to meet the standards expected.
- 2.10 The Scholarship Recipient shall participate in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Program of Study by completing and submitting a survey within three (3) months after the end of the Course.
- 2.11 The Scholarship Recipient certifies that:

- a) He/she is not an employee, consultant, intern, or a relative of an employee, consultant, or intern of the GS/OAS, nor does he/she have any other business or labor relationship with the GS/OAS, the Organization of American States (OAS) or BTVI.
- b) He/she is not on trial in a criminal court of any Member State of the OAS, and has never been convicted of a felony or of any crime involving dishonesty, fraud or theft in any Member State of the OAS.

2.12 Upon signature of this Acceptance Form, the Scholarship Recipient shall:

- a) Provide to GS/OAS and BTVI all documentation that is requested by them.
- b) Complete and return to scholarships@oas.org the Medical Certificate.
- c) Inform GS/OAS in writing via email at scholarships@oas.org, upon beginning the Course.

3. DECLINATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND SUSPENSION OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY

3.1 The Scholarship Recipient may not drop-out of the Course after receiving the Scholarship funds, unless for compelling and unforeseeable reasons, and shall give written notice and submit supporting proof of such reasons immediately after learning or receiving notice of them to the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (hereinafter "DHDEE") of the GS/OAS. Whether a reason is sufficiently compelling shall be left to the discretion of the GS/OAS.

3.2 In the event that the GS/OAS concludes that the reasons stated by the Scholarship Recipient do not duly justify dropping out of the Course, Scholarship Recipient shall directly reimburse the funds received to the GS/OAS and the BTVI. Failure to do so will result in a ban on the Scholarship Recipient from consideration for any future GS/OAS, OAS or BTVI scholarships, and shall constitute grounds for GS/OAS to pursue legal action pursuant to article 6.1, 6.3 and 8.1 below.

4. NOTICE

4.1 All communications and notifications of the Scholarship will be validly made when sent to the mail or electronic mail provided by the Scholarship Recipient in this Acceptance Form.

4.2 Scholarship Recipient is responsible for informing GS/OAS and the BTVI of any change in the address, telephone, electronic mail, or emergency contact information indicated in this Acceptance Form.

5. RESPONSIBILITY:

5.1 The GS/OAS, OAS, the BTVI, their officers, employees, and/or agents are not liable for any injury, death, or loss to person or property sustained by the Scholarship Recipient while participating in or arising out of any travel or activity conducted by

or under the auspices of the Scholarship and/or Course. In addition, the GS/OAS, OAS, the BTVI, their officers, employees, and/or agents are not responsible for the Scholarship Recipient's health, safety, or security at any time during his/her participation in the Scholarship and/or Course.

6. SCHOLARSHIP TERMINATION AND REPAYMENT

6.1 At any time, and without cause, GS/OAS and/or BTVI may terminate this Scholarship and claim repayment of any amount of the Scholarship that has already been paid, plus any additional costs incurred by the GS/OAS and/or the BTVI in collecting the amount owed, including but not limited to attorney's fees and court costs.

6.2 Termination for cause shall require repayment by the Scholarship Recipient of any amount of the Scholarship that has already been paid, plus any additional costs incurred by the GS/OAS and/or the BTVI in collecting the amount owed, including but not limited to attorney's fees and court costs. Cause shall include, but is not limited to:

- a) Failure to comply with the laws of the country where the Course is held;
- b) Failure to comply with the applicable rules and procedures of the Course and the regulations of the BTVI;
- c) Breach of any of these terms and conditions; or
- d) Dropping-out of the Course after having received the funds without compelling reason and proof thereof.

6.3 In the event that the Scholarship Recipient owes payment or repayment to the GS/OAS and/or BTVI and fails to comply promptly with any payment or repayment obligations, he/she authorizes the GS/OAS and/or the BTVI to report the amount of those unsatisfied obligations and related information to any credit reporting company or credit bureau, regardless of his/her location or country.

7. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

7.1 Nothing in this Acceptance Form shall constitute a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities of the OAS, the GS/OAS, its assets, officers, employees, and/or agents in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of American States, relevant agreements, applicable national or state law or the general principles, and practices of international law.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

8.1 If a dispute arises between the Scholarship Recipient and the GS/OAS, it shall be settled by direct negotiations between them. If a solution satisfactory to the Scholarship Recipient and the GS/OAS cannot be reached, then the Scholarship Recipient and the GS/OAS shall submit their differences to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL") currently in effect. The place of arbitration shall be Washington D.C., U.S.A. The language in the proceedings shall be English, unless the Scholarship

Recipient and the GS/OAS agree otherwise. The three arbitrators or, as the case may be, the one arbitrator shall decide the dispute as *amiable compositeur* or *ex aequo et bono*. The arbitrator's decision shall be final, binding, and not subject to appeal. The law applicable to this Acceptance Form and the arbitration proceedings shall be the law of the District of Columbia, USA.

9. SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT AND DEADLINE OF ACCEPTANCE:

9.1 This Acceptance Form constitutes the entire agreement between the GS/OAS and the Scholarship Recipient, regarding the Scholarship, and no prior or later oral or written agreements shall be deemed valid, unless reduced to writing and signed by the Scholarship Recipient and the GS/OAS. Any understanding or agreement that is not included in this Acceptance Form shall be of no force or effect.

9.2 The Scholarship offer must be accepted by the Scholarship Recipient within 5 days of its receipt via electronic mail at the latest, by returning this Acceptance Form and the Medical Certificate, completed and signed, to the following electronic address scholarships@oas.org.

Name of the Scholarship Recipient:

Signature of the Scholarship Recipient:

Date of Signature: