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### **Statement by the IMF Resident Representative in Jamaica**

Bert van Selm, the Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), issued the following statement today:

“As mentioned recently by the IMF mission to Jamaica, policy implementation under Jamaica’s Fund-supported economic reform program has been strong. Economic reforms continue to progress, and all structural benchmarks through end-August were completed on schedule, including the presentation by the government of a conceptual framework for a fiscal rule, to entrench fiscal discipline over the medium term. Fund staff is aware of the advanced stage of the preparation of the Omnibus Tax Incentives Legislation, and will continue to assist the Jamaican authorities to help ensure that the program objectives are achieved. In this context, the documentation regarding the first review of the program was delivered to members of the IMF’s Executive Board last week. The Board is scheduled to meet on September 30, 2013 to discuss the review.”