



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS

Statement

**On the signing of a Tax Information Exchange Agreement
between The Bahamas and the Kingdom of Belgium**

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
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The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is very pleased to sign this Agreement between the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Kingdom of Belgium for the Exchange of Information Relating to Tax Matters.

This Agreement is the ninth concluded by the Government of The Bahamas, the fifth with a member of the OECD, and which incorporates the accepted international standards in respect of transparency and effective information exchange in tax matters.

This level of cooperation between The Bahamas and the Kingdom of Belgium signifies the goodwill that exists between our two countries. The Bahamas looks forward to a productive relationship with the Kingdom of Belgium in this and other areas.