CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : All Stakeholders

FROM : Charmaine Donovan, Chief Executive Officer

DATE : 12th November, 2026

SUB. : **Antigua and Barbuda CIU Remains Operational**

The Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) is cognizant that there may be ambiguity regarding the operations of the Citizenship by Investment Programme and the CIU after 12th November 2026. Please be advised that the CIU remains operational and continues to accept applications for citizenship.

The European Union hosted Unit heads in March 2026 to discuss the implications of the changes to their legislation, and to advise that each country would be required to indicate whether they intended to continue to operate their respective programmes. Subsequently, communication was sent to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda inviting them to wind down the Programme by 1st June 2028, to retain visa free access to the Schengen area. Most recently, on 20th October 2026, technical delegations from each of the Caribbean countries operating investment migration programmes, again met with EU. Supported by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the meeting agreed that participating countries would present their final decision to the EU by 12th November 2026.

On 30th October 2026, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda wrote to the European Commission indicating the intent to wind down the Programme and requesting a transition period to the end of 2030.

In anticipation of a response from the European Commission, the Citizenship by Investment Unit remains open for business until otherwise advised.

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