



NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS — June 25, 2026

— The Bahamas Chapter of Women's Declaration International (WDI Bahamas) has publicly released the official administrative response received from Commissioner of Corrections Mr. Doan Cleare, C.D., regarding recruitment metrics and institutional equity within the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS).

This formal correspondence follows a submission sent by WDI Bahamas on June 10th, 2026, which challenged recent public remarks delivered to the 81st recruit cohort of Squad A.

WDI Bahamas argued that implementing an asymmetric disciplinary framework—where qualified female recruits faced immediate termination due to an "abundance" of applicants while struggling male recruits were promised institutional leniency—violated foundational workplace protections and international policy frameworks including:

***Article 1 of the declaration that reaffirms that women's rights are based on upon the category of sex***

***and;***

***Article 6 of the declaration that reaffirms women's rights to political participation based on their sex.***

In the formal response, Commissioner Cleare explicitly reaffirmed that BDOCS does not maintain separate performance, accreditation, or disciplinary standards based on sex, nor does his administration support differential treatment. The department's official position clarifies that all recruitment, training, and performance metrics are applied with absolute neutrality based entirely on individual merit, conduct, and competence.

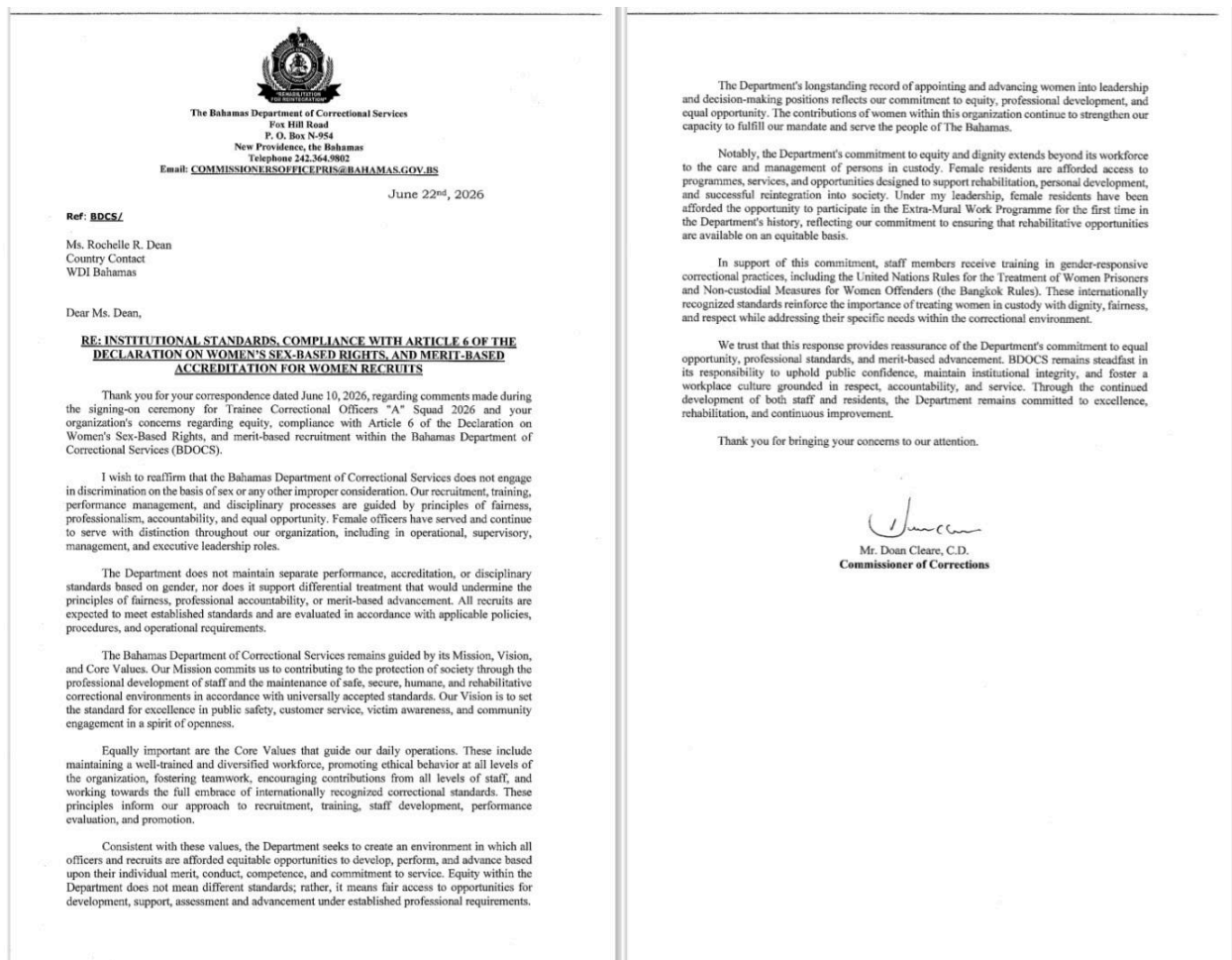
"WDI Bahamas welcomes this formal written commitment to objective meritocracy," stated Rochelle R. Dean, Country Contact for WDI Bahamas. "State security protocols and national policy frameworks must rely strictly on clean data and uniform standards. Holding the line on

professional excellence protects the structural advancements and professional sex-based rights of Bahamian women, ensuring they are never treated as disposable assets."

The Commissioner's response also highlighted BDOCS' ongoing training in gender-responsive correctional practices, noting alignment with international frameworks such as the United Nations Bangkok Rules.

WDI Bahamas will continue to actively monitor the execution of these policies across all uniformed law enforcement branches to ensure public accountability, transparency, and strict adherence to the professional rights of women.

The complete official text of the letter can be viewed here:



**About WDI Bahamas:**

Women's Declaration International Bahamas advocates for women's sex-based rights, national policy reform, and high-level data accountability to eliminate structural bias and ensure equal institutional protection for women and girls across the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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Attached: Official Response Letter from the Commissioner of Corrections