## ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

November 25, 2009

Excellency:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20, 2009, inviting the Organization of American States (OAS) to the Commonwealth of Dominica to observe the December 18<sup>th</sup> General Elections. Excellency, this is the first time that the OAS has been invited to observe an electoral event in Dominica and I wish to confirm that it would be our honor to deploy such a mission.

I have instructed the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) to prepare a proposal and a budget for this mission that contemplates the observation of the different facets of this important exercise and maximizes coverage of the polling stations across the country. As is customary, the size and scope of the mission will ultimately depend on the voluntary contributions received from the OAS Member and Observer States.

Should the staff of the Dominica Electoral Commission or the Cabinet Secretary have any queries regarding the preparation of our Electoral Observer Mission, they should not hesitate to contact Mr. Jean-Francois Ruel, the Senior Specialist in the DECO responsible for organizing the OAS' visit. He can be reached at: <u>JRuel@oas.org</u> or (202) 458-3187.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

José Miguel Insulza

His Excellency
The Hon. Roosavelt Skerrit
Prime Minister
The Commonwealth of Dominica