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The Honourable Tillman J. Thomas
Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Office of the Prime Minister
St. George's, Grenada

Honourable Prime Minister,

I have the honor to respond to your letter dated January 8, 2013, concerning your request to provide technical cooperation and to observe the next general elections in Grenada.

In this regard, I am very pleased that the Government of Grenada decided to act upon the recommendations made by the previous OAS Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) to implement a new registration system, considering that voter registries are a fundamental component of a democratic electoral process.

Consequently, I wish to confirm that the OAS is in a position to organize the deployment of an electoral technical assessment mission to Grenada, commencing on or about January 21, 2013 for a two week period, to verify the integrity of the new voter registration system. The necessary resources are already available for the Organization to carry out this technical cooperation activity.

With regards to the request for the deployment of an Electoral Observation Mission for the upcoming general elections, I thank you for the invitation, which we accept with great honor. I have therefore instructed the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) of the OAS Secretariat of Political Affairs to prepare a proposal and budget that contemplates the observation of the different facets of this important exercise and maximizes coverage of the polling stations on the date of the elections. As is customary, the size and scope of this mission will ultimately depend on the voluntary contributions received from OAS Members and Observer States.

Please accept, Honourable Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General