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Mr. Frank Almaguer

Dear Mr. Almaguer,

I am writing to you to officially inform of your appointment as Chief of the Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS/EOM) to observe the general and municipal elections in the Belize which will be held on March 7, 2012.

Following the Inter-American Democratic Charter, Electoral Observation Missions are guided by the norms and principles of the OAS, and are conducted in an objective, impartial and transparent manner with the adequate technical capacity. In its electoral observation efforts, the OAS puts emphasis on comprehensive analysis of the electoral process, endeavoring to observe the conditions for a universal and equitable voting as well as the participation of the distinct parties and candidates.

The Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) as an organ of the OAS that specializes in electoral matters will provide support in all aspects relating to the organization of the Mission as well as the necessary administrative and logistical requirements. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the DECO Director at the email address, pgutierrez@oas.org or by telephone at (202) 458-6185, or with Mr. Tyler Finn, who will serve as Deputy Chief of Mission, at the email address tfinn@oas.org or by telephone at (202) 458-6510.

I thank you in advance for your commitment to the Inter-American System and its efforts in ensuring that the popular will of the Belizean people is expressed through a free and just electoral process. It will be a privilege for DECO to work with you in this effort.

Please accept the renewal of my highest consideration and esteem,

Pablo Gufiérrez

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