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Honorable Prime Minister:

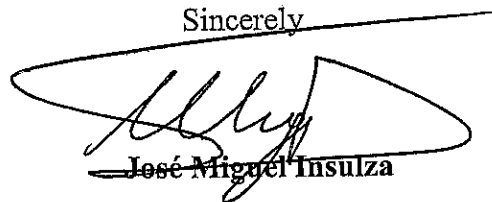
I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9, 2009, inviting the Organization of American States to observe the General Elections in Antigua and Barbuda.

Please be advised that I have instructed the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation of Secretariat for Political Affairs to draft a proposal for a mission that will allow for observation of the pre-electoral process and provide for ample coverage on Election Day. As is customary, the scope and magnitude of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission will depend on the availability of funds through voluntary contribution of the Organization's Permanent Member and Observer States.

As indicated in your correspondence, we will coordinate the details of this mission with Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the OAS, Her Excellency Deborah-Mae Lovell.

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

Sincerely



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