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Thru: His Excellency Dr. Odeen Ishmael, Ambassador,
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Dear Dr. Gaviria,

The Government of Guyana intends to hold General Elections within the context of the brokered Herdmanston Accord. In this regard, I appreciate the role which OAS has been playing in the preparatory process for these Elections.

As you are aware, the Government of Guyana is currently in discussion with the Donor Community with respect to the forms of assistance which it may receive in the conduct and monitoring of these Elections. We envisage and accordingly would welcome, however, any additional support from the OAS and would appreciate whatever assistance you can render in making this possible.

Yours sincerely

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Excellency :

I have the honor to reply to your excellency regarding letters from His Excellency, Clement J. Rohee, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guyana. The letters refer to discussions between the Government of Guyana and possible partner organizations and governments "in the conduct and monitoring" of elections to be held as a result of the Herdmanston Accord. In addition, the letters "welcome... any additional support from the Organization of American States (OAS) and would appreciate whatever assistance you can render in making this possible."

Consistent with its Charter and other mandates, the OAS has provided electoral technical assistance to the Guyana Elections Commission and other assistance to the Constitutional Reform Commission in the past. It also participated in the elections of December 15, 1997 with an Electoral Observation Mission. It would be my hope that the OAS can continue similar cooperation. Depending on the availability of resources, I would like to suggest that a starting point for such planning could be the recommendations made by the OAS Electoral Observation Mission in 1997.

I have requested that representatives of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy (UPD) meet at the earliest opportunity with appropriate Government and election administration officials, political parties, civil society groups and others in Guyana to discuss the possibilities of pre-electoral technical assistance.

In addition, I assure your Excellency that the OAS will seriously consider a formal invitation to deploy an OAS Electoral Observation Mission in connection with the next general elections in Guyana.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

César Gaviria
 Secretary General

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