



ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 15, 2004

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to Note Verbale #3250 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname by which an invitation was extended to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) to send a team of observers for the general elections to be held on May 25, 2005. I also refer to my letter of December 10, 2004, in which I informed Your Excellency of the intention of the OAS to deploy an electoral observation mission, subject to the receipt of sufficient funds.

I am pleased to advise that I have designated Ambassador Corinne McKnight of Trinidad and Tobago as the Chief of Mission. Ambassador McKnight has extensive experience in diplomatic affairs and was Chief of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Grenada in 2003.

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

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His Excellency
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