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FROM:

HON TILLMAN THOMAS, PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA

TO:

JOSE MIGUEL INSULZA

INSTRUCTIONS:

TAKE NECESSARY ACTION

SUBJECT:

REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OAS IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO EVALUATE AND VERIFY THE INTEGRITY OF THE NEW VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND TO OBSERVE AND MONITOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION WHEN IT IS CALLED

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CC: PAUL SPENCER

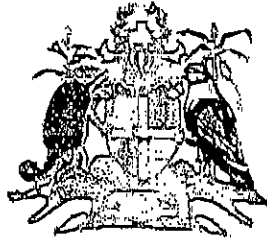
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**PRIME MINISTER****GRENADA**

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8th January 2013
H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza
Secretary General
Organisation of American States
17th St. & Constitution Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006
United States of America.

Dear Excellency,

I have the honour to extend to you, your family and the Organisation of American States (OAS), the very best wishes for a productive, peaceful and success filled 2013.

Excellency, as you may recall, following the last two general elections in Grenada the OAS Observer Missions made a number of recommendations for the improvement of the electoral system. I am pleased to advise that, my government which was elected to office in July 2008, indeed heeded the call of the OAS' recommendations and have sought to implement a new voter registration system over the past year.

The next general election in Grenada which is constitutionally due this year is very likely to be held by the end of February under the new voter registration system. Consequently, I hereby request the urgent assistance of the OAS:

- (1) in providing technical support to evaluate and verify the integrity of the new voter registration system; and
- (2) to observe and monitor the next general election in Grenada when it is called.

I know that this request, particularly that for the technical support, is late but it is imperative that the new electoral system be independently evaluated and verified by a well respected international body such as your organisation to avoid any doubts that the next general election is being conducted in a clean, free, fair and transparent manner. As such, your very best efforts will be much appreciated.

Please be assured of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tillman Thomas".

Hon. Tillman J. Thomas
Prime Minister & Minister for Foreign Affairs