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Professor Errol Miller

Chairman, Electoral Commission of Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica

Dear Professor Miller,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 2011 in which the Electoral Commission of Jamaica requests the Organization of American States (OAS) observe the General Parliamentary Election, constitutionally due by September 2012.

Through its observation and technical assistance efforts, the OAS remains committed to strengthening the electoral processes in the Americas and I am pleased to respond positively to this request.

I have instructed the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO) of the OAS Secretariat of Political Affairs to prepare a proposal and budget that contemplates the observation of the different facets of this important exercise and maximizes coverage of the polling stations on the date of the elections. As is customary, the size and scope of this mission will ultimately depend on the voluntary contributions received from the OAS members and Observers States.

Should you have any questions regarding the preparation of this mission, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Maria T Mellenkamp, Chief of DECO's Technical Cooperation Section, who has been tasked with preparation of this mission.

Sincerely,

José Miguel Insulza Secretary General