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Ms. Janet G. Bostwick  
Former Foreign Affairs Minister of Bahamas  
Nassau, Bahamas

Dear Ms. Bostwick,

I am writing to contact you to officially inform you that OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro has appointed you as Chief of the Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS/EOM) to observe the General Parliamentary Elections in Jamaica which are expected to be held during the first half of December 2015.

Following the Inter-American Democratic Charter, Electoral Observation Missions are guided by the norms and principles of the OAS, and are conducted in an objective, impartial and transparent manner with the adequate technical capacity. In its electoral observation efforts, the OAS puts emphasis on comprehensive analysis of the electoral process, endeavoring to observe the conditions for a universal and equitable voting as well as the participation of the distinct parties and candidates.

The Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO), as an organ of the OAS that specializes in electoral matters, will provide support in all aspects relating to the organization of the Mission as well as the necessary administrative and logistical requirements. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at the email address, [GDicaza@oas.org](mailto:GDicaza@oas.org) or by telephone at (202)-370-4526, or with Maria T Mellenkamp, who will serve as Deputy Chief of Mission, at the email address [mmellenkamp@oas.org](mailto:mmellenkamp@oas.org) or by telephone at (202)-370-4527.

I thank you in advance for your commitment to the Inter-American System and its efforts in ensuring that the popular will of the Jamaican people is expressed through a free and just electoral process. It will be a privilege for DECO to work with you in this effort.

Please accept the renewal of my highest consideration and esteem,

Gerardo de Icaza  
Director

Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation  
Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy