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Dr. The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves

Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Office of the Prime Minister

Kingstown

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Honourable Minister,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 13, 2015 in which the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines requests the Organization of American States to observe the General Elections to be held on December 9, 2015.

Through its observation and technical assistance efforts, the OAS remains committed to strengthening the electoral processes in the Americas. I am therefore pleased to respond positively to this request and honored to deploy an OAS Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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 Member and Observer States.

Please accept, Honourable Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Luis Almagro Secretary General