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September 23, 2009

His Excellency
Hon. Rene M. Baptiste
Minister of Urban Development, Culture and Electoral Matters
St. Vincent and the Grenadines, W.I.

Excellency:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15, 2009 in which the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines requests the Organization of American States (OAS) to observe the National Referendum on Constitutional Reform, scheduled for November 25, 2009. Through its observation and technical assistance efforts, the OAS remains committed to strengthening the electoral processes in the Caribbean and I am pleased to respond positively to this request.

I have instructed the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation 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 November 25. 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.

Should you have any questions regarding the preparation of this mission, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Steven Griner, the Senior Specialists of the DECO who has been tasked with the preparation of this mission.

Sincerely,

Jose Miguel Insulza
Secretary General

cc: Amb. Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General, OAS
Amb. La Celia Prince, Permanent Representative, SVG