



3rd April, 2012

Dr. José Miquel Insulza Secretary General Organization of American States Organization of American States Building 17th St. and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington D.C. 20006 U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Insulza,

General Elections are due to be held in The Bahamas in May, 2012. Already there is heightened political activity in the country as political parties prepare themselves for participation in the process.

In preparation for the Elections, the Parliamentary Registration Department (The Bahamas' Elections Department) has been engaged in the necessary steps to ensure the full participation of all eligible voters.

The Government of The Bahamas is most anxious to ensure that the country adheres to the best electoral practices and in this regard, I invite the Organization of American States to appoint a team to observe the General Elections. You will of course be advised of the precise date of elections, when it is announced.

In addition to the Organization of American States, the Government of The Bahamas also proposes to invite the Caricom Secretariat and the American Embassy. Observation activities will be coordinated by the Parliamentary Registration Department.

Sincerely,

Sir Arthur Foulkes Governor-General