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His Excellency
Jacques R.C. Kross
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Excellency:

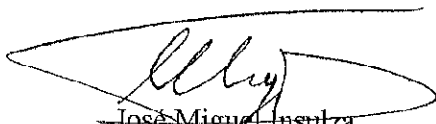
I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 8th, 2010 in which the Government of Suriname requests the Organization of American States (OAS) to observe the General Elections on May 25th, 2010. I take note that on that day voters in Suriname will elect a new Parliament and representatives of Regional Bodies.

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 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.

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

Sincerely,


José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General