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Dear Secretary General

General Elections are constitutionally due in Saint Lucia on March 11, 2012 and it is expected that the country will go to the polls on or before that date. There is already heightened activity as political parties prepare themselves for participation in the process.

In preparation for the Elections, the Electoral Department, under the guidance of the Electoral Commission has been engaged in the necessary steps to ensure participation of all eligible voters, and that no one is disenfranchised. The Government of Saint Lucia is most anxious to ensure that it adheres by the best electoral practice and towards that end, wishes to invite the Organisation of American States to send a team of observers to observe the General Elections in Saint Lucia, whenever it is held. You will of course be advised of the precise date when it is announced.

The Government of Saint Lucia proposes to invite not only the Organisation of American States but also the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and the Commonwealth Secretariat to mount Observer Missions.

As is normal for these occasions, the visit of the electoral Observer Mission will be coordinated by the Electoral Commission and the Cabinet Secretary.

Should you agree to the participation of the Organisation of American States, we would urge that you identify the proposed members of the Observer Mission as soon as possible.

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We thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Please accept our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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PRIME MINISTER

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