

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE
INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SURINAME
AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ON THE ELECTORAL
OBSERVATION PROCESS**

The Parties, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission of the Republic of Suriname and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS");

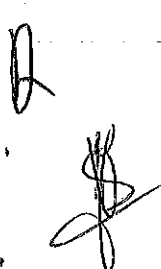
CONSIDERING:

THAT on the 8th day of January 2010, the Government of the Republic of Suriname (hereinafter referred to as the "Government") through its Permanent Mission to the OAS invited the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter referred to as the "General Secretariat") to send an Electoral Observation Mission of the OAS (hereinafter referred to as the "Mission") with the purpose of witnessing the elections to be held on May 25, 2010;

THAT in Resolution AG/RES. 991 (XIX-O/89), the General Assembly of the OAS recommended to the Secretary General that "when a member state so requests in the exercise of its sovereignty, missions should be organized and sent to said state to monitor the development, if possible at all stages, of each of its electoral processes;"

THAT Article 24 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter states in pertinent part as follows:

The electoral observation missions shall be carried out at the request of the member state concerned. To that end, the government of that state and the Secretary General shall enter into an agreement establishing the scope and coverage of the electoral observation mission in question. The member state shall guarantee conditions of security, free access to information, and full cooperation with the electoral observation mission.



Electoral observation missions shall be carried out in accordance with the principles and norms of the OAS. The Organization shall ensure that these missions are effective and independent and shall provide them with the necessary resources for that purpose. They shall be conducted in an objective, impartial, and transparent manner and with the appropriate technical expertise; and

THAT the Secretary General welcomed the Government's request, and arranged to send a Mission to Suriname with the objective of observing the elections on May 25, 2010;

WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

First: Guarantees

a.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission guarantees the Mission access to all facilities for the adequate fulfillment of the observation of the elections on May 25, 2010 in Suriname, in conformity with the relevant laws and standards of Suriname and the terms of this Agreement;

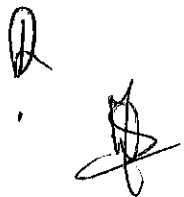
b.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission, on and after the day of the elections and shall guarantee the Mission access to all polling stations and other locations and facilities related to the election until the official count is tabulated nationally;

c.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission shall guarantee the Mission complete access to the locations in which the process of casting and tabulating votes will take place.

Second: Information

a.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will furnish the Mission all information referring to the organization, direction and supervision of the electoral process. The Mission will be able to request of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission such additional information as is necessary for the exercise of its functions;

b.) The Mission has the ability to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission about any irregularities and/or interference, which it might observe or of which it might learn. Similarly, the Mission will be able to solicit



from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission any information regarding the measures, which the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will take in relation to such irregularities;

c.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will provide the Mission with information related to the electoral list and other computerized electoral data referring to the same. Similarly, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will provide all other information relative to the computer systems used on election day, and will offer demonstrations of the systems' operation to the Mission;

d.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will guarantee the Mission access to all electoral bodies responsible for vote counting and tabulation. Similarly, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will permit the Mission to conduct any evaluations deemed necessary of the voting system and of the communication utilized to transmit electoral results. At the same time, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will guarantee complete access to the complaints process and quality controls that occur before and after the process and are of interest to the Mission.

e.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission further guarantee the Mission access to all polling stations and other bodies throughout the national territory of the Republic of Suriname.

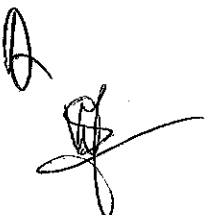
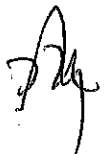
Third: General Provisions

a.) The Secretary General designates Irene Klinger as Chief of Mission, who will represent the Mission and its members before the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission and before the Government;

b.) The GS/OAS will communicate to the leadership of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission the names of the persons who will comprise the group of observers, who will be duly identified;

c.) The Mission will act impartially, objectively and independently in the fulfillment of its mandate;

d.) The General Secretariat will send to the leadership of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission a copy of the final report of the Electoral Observation Mission, following the selection of the President and Vice President;



e.) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Independent Electoral Commission will make known and disseminate the contents of this Agreement among all electoral bodies and among all personnel involved in the electoral process.

Fourth: Privileges and Immunities

Nothing expressly stated or implied in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the OAS or any of its organs, their staff, and their assets may enjoy under the Charter of the Organization, the Agreement between the GS/OAS and the Government in relation to the privileges and immunities of each of the members of the group of observers of the election process in Suriname signed by the parties on the 23rd day of April, 2010, or under international law.

Fifth: Resolutions of controversies

The Parties shall attempt to resolve through direct negotiations any disputes arising in relation to the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement. If the negotiations do not result in the resolution of the dispute, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the procedure agreed to by the parties.

Sixth: Amendments

Amendments to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties and attached hereto.

Seventh: Entry into Force and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date and upon the signature of the Parties. This Agreement shall remain in force until the Mission has concluded all of its observation mission duties of the May 25, 2010 General Elections.



This Agreement may be terminated by either Party with or without cause. Termination must be effected by means of no less than five days' written notice to the other Party.

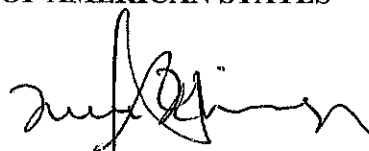
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Agreement in duplicate on the date and locations indicated below.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF
HOME AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SURINAME**



A. Moensi
Director of the Ministry
of Home Affairs
Paramaribo, Suriname
Date:

**FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICAN STATES**



I. Klinger
Chief of Mission

General Secretariat
Paramaribo, Suriname
Date:

**FOR THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL
COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME**



J. Van Dijk- Silos
Paramaribo, Suriname
Date: