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His Excellency  
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Secretary General  
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Excellency,

I extend my very best wishes to you, your family and the Organisation of American States for a productive, peaceful and successful 2018 and look forward to collaborating with you in this new year to address the challenges facing member states.

As I write to you, Grenada is preparing for a General Election and whilst we can boast of having very strong democratic institutions it is important and necessary that the conduct of the election process be observed and monitored by a well respected and credible international organization such as the OAS which continues to be an advocate for democracy and the strengthening and preservation of democratic institutions in the hemisphere. The independent observation of elections lends transparency and confidence to the electoral process. In this regard I hereby request the OAS to mount an Observation Mission as was done previously in 2008 and 2013 to provide an impartial assessment of the conduct of our General Election and where necessary, offer recommendations where improvements can be made. The mission should be in Grenada by the end of January 2018.

The OAS and the Government of Grenada has had a long history of cooperation in this particular area of governance and we therefore look forward to a positive response as we continue to build and preserve our democratic legacy of free, fair and peaceful elections.

Please be assured of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

**Keith C. Mitchell**  
**Prime Minister**