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The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States - Office of the Secretary General - presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the Organization of American States, and has the honor to attach, for its transmission, a letter addressed to the Honorable Caroline Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Cooperation of Guyana, signed by Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States – Office of the Secretary General - avails itself of the opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JMI", with a stylized flourish at the end.

June 30, 2011

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL

June 28th, 2011

Honourable Minister,

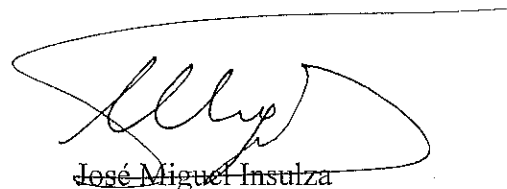
I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 24th, 2011 in which the Government of Guyana requests the Organization of American States (OAS) observe the General and Regional Elections that will be held in the 4th quarter of 2011.

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 (DECO) 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 Ms. Charlotte McDowell, Chief of DECO's Electoral Observation Section, who has been tasked with preparation of this mission.

Sincerely,



José Miguel Insulza

The Honourable Caroline Rodrigues-Birkett
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and
International Cooperation
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Guyana