

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
AND THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE OF GRENADA ON
THE ELECTORAL OBSERVATION PROCESS**

The Parties to the this Agreement, the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE OF GRENADA and the GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

CONSIDERING:

THAT on the 20th day of October, 2003, the Prime Minister Keith C. Mitchell of the Government of GRENADA (hereinafter "The GOVERNMENT") invited the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter the "GENERAL SECRETARIAT") to send an Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (hereinafter the "MISSION") to GRENADA for the purpose of observing the national elections to be held on November 27, 2003;

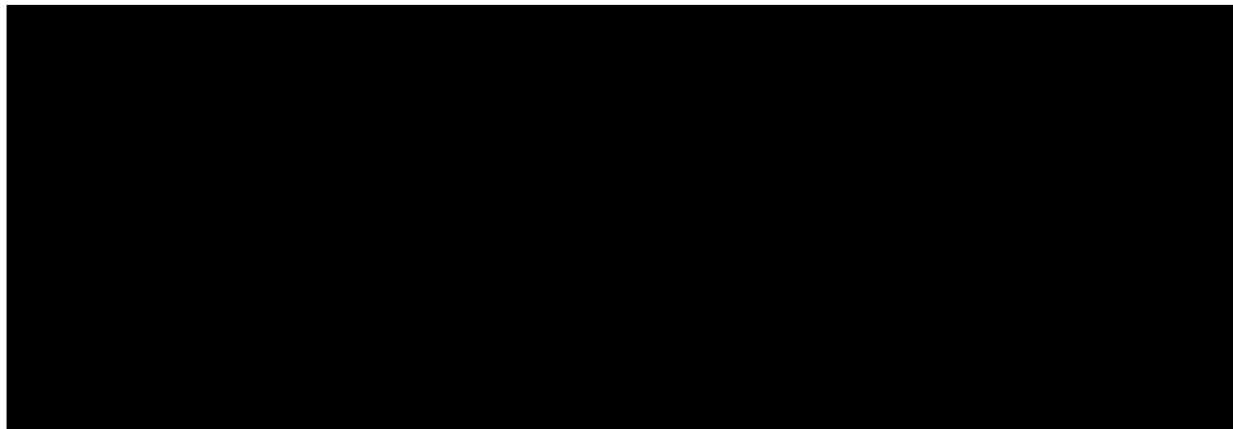
THAT the Secretary General of the OAS (hereinafter the "SECRETARY GENERAL") welcomed The GOVERNMENT's invitation, and arranged for sending the MISSION to GRENADA with the objective of observing the elections of November 27, 2003; and

THAT in Resolution AG/RES. 991 (XIX-O/89) the OAS General Assembly reiterated to the SECRETARY GENERAL the recommendation 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;"

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE and THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
Guarantees

1.1 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE guarantees the MISSION access to all facilities for the adequate fulfillment of the observation of the elections on



November 27, 2003 in GRENADA, in conformity with the relevant laws and standards of GRENADA and the terms of this Agreement.

1.2 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE guarantees the MISSION access to all polling stations and other subordinate electoral bodies from the beginning of the day of the elections until the official count is tabulated nationally.

1.3 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE guarantees the Mission complete access to the locations in which the process of casting and tabulating votes takes place and access to all other aspects of the electoral process, before, during and following the elections on November 27, 2003.

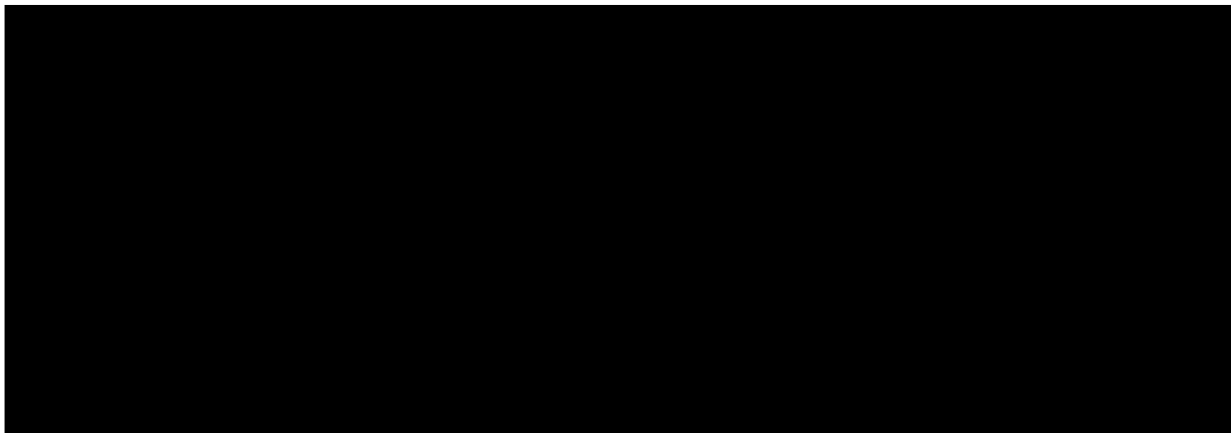
ARTICLE II Information

2.1 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall furnish the MISSION with all information relating to the organization, direction and supervision of the electoral processes and procedures. The MISSION may request of THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE such additional information as may be necessary for the exercise of the MISSION's functions, and The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall provide that information.

2.2 The MISSION shall inform The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE of any irregularities and/or interference that it observes and/or that are reported to the MISSION. Similarly, the MISSION may request The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE to provide the MISSION with any information regarding the measures that The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE will take in relation to such irregularities, and the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall provide that information.

2.3 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall provide the MISSION with all information related to the electoral list(s) and to all other electoral data, computerized or otherwise, relating to the electoral process. Similarly, The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall provide to the MISSION all other information relative to the computer systems used on election day and shall provide demonstrations of the systems' operation.

2.4 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE guarantees the MISSION access to all electoral bodies responsible for vote counting and tabulation. Similarly, The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE shall permit the MISSION to conduct any evaluations that the MISSION deems necessary with respect to the voting system and of the means of communications utilized to transmit electoral results. At the same time, the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE guarantees the MISSION complete access to the complaints process and to the quality controls that are put into place before and after the process and that are of interest to the MISSION.



2.5 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE further guarantees the MISSION access to all polling stations and all other election-related entities, bodies, and commissions, etc. throughout the national territory of GRENADA.

ARTICLE III General Provisions

3.1 The SECRETARY GENERAL has designated Ambassador Corinne A. McKnight, of Trinidad and Tobago, as Chief of Mission, who will represent the MISSION and its members before the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE and before the GOVERNMENT.

3.1.1 In the event that a new Chief of Mission subsequently is designated by the SECRETARY GENERAL, the GOVERNMENT will be duly informed in writing.

3.2 THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT will communicate to the leadership of the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE the names of the persons who will comprise the Group of Observers.

3.3 The MISSION will act impartially, objectively and independently in the fulfillment of its mandate.

3.4 The SECRETARY GENERAL will send to the GOVERNMENT's Minister of Foreign Affairs and the PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE a copy of the final report of the Electoral Observation Mission.

3.5 The PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE will make known and disseminate the contents of this Agreement among all electoral bodies and among all personnel involved in the electoral process.

ARTICLE IV Privileges and Immunities

4.1 Nothing expressly stated or implied in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the privileges and immunities that the OAS, the GENERAL SECRETARIAT, their organs, officers, employees, and agents may enjoy under the Charter of the OAS, the October 6, 1978 Agreement between the GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA and the GENERAL SECRETARIAT on the Functioning of the Office of the GENERAL SECRETARIAT in Grenada, and/or the Agreement between the GENERAL SECRETARIAT and the GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA in relation to the privileges and immunities of the observers of the election process in GRENADA signed by the

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT on the ____ day of November, 2003, or under international law.

ARTICLE V
Resolution of Disputes

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized, do hereby sign this Agreement, in duplicate, in the city of St. George's, GRENADA, this ____ day of November in the year two thousand (and three).

FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS OFFICE
OF GRENADA

FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES

