

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

December 2, 2005

Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency in reference to the letter from Roger F. Luncheon, M.D., Head, Presidential Secretariat, Office of the President, Co-operative Republic of Guyana, dated September 15, 2005, inviting the Organization of American States (OAS) to send a team of election observers for the General and Regional Elections in 2006, on a date that has not been determined.

It is the hope of the OAS to be able to deploy an independent electoral observation mission. As Your Excellency would be aware, the ability to send such a mission would depend on the timely receipt of sufficient external funds for an observation of adequate size and duration, as well as the signing of the two customary legal agreements between Your Excellency's Government and the General Secretariat of the OAS. Draft copies of the agreements will be submitted to Your Excellency's Government through the Permanent Mission of Guyana for review and eventual signature. These agreements and related arrangements maintain the independence of all OAS electoral observation missions and access to electoral information, as required by decisions of OAS political bodies.

I look forward to hearing from Your Excellency's Government when the date for the elections becomes known, so that the OAS can begin specific planning for a possible mission.

Should Your Excellency's Government have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Jacqueline Deslauriers, Director, Office for the Promotion of Democracy, Department of Democratic and Political Affairs.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration


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