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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 Belize to the Organization of American States, and has the honor to attach, for its transmission, a letter addressed to the Honourable Wilfred Elrington, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Belize, 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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Honourable Minister,


I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 7, 2012 in which the Government of Belize requests the Organization of American States (OAS) to observe the General and Municipal Elections to be held on March 7, 2012.

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 members and Observers 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.

Please accept, Honourable Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.



José Miguel Insulza

The Honourable
Wilfred Elrington
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Belmopan, Belize