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September 2, 2011

The Honourable Stephenson King
Prime Minister of St. Lucia
Office of the Prime Minister
Waterfront, Castries
Saint Lucia

Honourable Prime Minister,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 29th, 2011 in which the Government of Saint Lucia requests the Organization of American States (OAS) to observe the General Elections that are constitutionally due on March 11, 2012 and are expected to take place on or before that date.

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 OAS member states and Permanent Observers.

Should you have any questions regarding the preparation of this mission, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian Electoral Studies and Projects Section Chief of DECO, at bmunoz@oas.org or (202) 458 6146, who has been tasked with the preparation of this mission.

Sincerely,

José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General

Cc: Mr. Kenneth Montplaisir, Chairman- Electoral Commission
Mr. Cosmos Richardson, Cabinet Secretray
Ms. Anne Marie Blackman, OAS Representative in Saint Lucia