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His Excellency Miguel Insuza  
Secretary General  
Office of the Secretary General  
Organization of American States  
Washington, DC

Excellency:

I am honored to submit herewith, on instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belize, a letter from the Honorable Wilfred Erlington, Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, addressed to Your Excellency.

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

Sincerely,

Cherio Nisbet  
For Ambassador Mendez



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H.E. José Miguel Insulza  
Secretary General  
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Dear Secretary General,

I have the honour to refer to your letter reference SG/SAP/DSDME of 19 November 2007 regarding the ongoing process of negotiations between the Governments of Belize and Guatemala in accordance with the Agreement on a Framework for Negotiations and Confidence Building Measures of September 7, 2005.

My Government is fully committed to resolving the dispute. It has disturbed relations between Belize and Guatemala for too long now and continues up to this day to affect prospects for improving relations and cooperation between our two countries, particularly in the areas of security, trade, social and economic development.


Having considered your proposals on a way forward, I have the honour to inform you that subject to the approval of the Belizean people my Government will be taking the necessary steps to act upon your recommendations to submit the matter to the International Court of Justice. In this regard, we request and expect the full support of the OAS throughout the process leading us to a final and definitive resolution of the differendum.

The confidence building measures and the role of the Office of the General Secretariat in the Adjacency Zone has been useful and effective. It is our intention to maintain them and if and where necessary, to improve on them.

We believe that the special role of the OAS Secretary General has contributed to

the effectiveness of the confidence building measures and has assisted both Parties to overcome what at times seemed intractable situations. We therefore request your continued involvement and support as we move forward in the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.



Hon. Wilfred Brington  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade