

## **Acuerdos Bilaterales**

Clasificación: 16-2007

Fecha de Ingreso: 24 de Abril de 2007

Nombre de Acuerdo: Grant Arrangement between the Government of Canada and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS)

Materia:

Partes: SG/OEA & Government of Canada

Referencia: Canada

Fecha de Firma: 2 de marzo de 2007

Fecha de Inicio: 2 de marzo de 2007

Fecha de Terminación: 30 de septiembre de 2008

Lugar de Firma:

Unidad Encargada:

Persona Encargada:

Original:

Claves:

Cierre del proceso:

**GRANT ARRANGEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**AND**

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (GS/OAS)**

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**“ELECTORAL OBSERVATION AND ASSISTANCE – PHASE II”  
PROJECT**

# **GRANT ARRANGEMENT**

*Arrangement no. 7045976*

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Purchase Order No.: 7045976

BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA as represented by the Minister for International Cooperation, acting through the Canadian International Development Agency ("CIDA");

AND: **THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**  
(the "GS/OAS") as represented by the

Secretariat for Political Affairs (the "Organization")

WHEREAS CIDA wishes to make a grant to the Organization for the "Electoral Observation and Assistance - Phase II" Project;

CIDA and the Organization have reached the following understanding, with respect to the transfer and administration of the grant:

## **1 Grant**

1.1 CIDA will make a grant to support the "Electoral Observation and Assistance - Phase II" (the "Project") in an amount of one million, two hundred thousand Canadian dollars (CDN\$1,200,000) ("Grant").

## **2 Project**

2.1 The Organization will utilize the Grant exclusively for the purpose of the "Electoral Observation and Assistance - Phase II" Project. The Organization undertakes to provide CIDA with a Logical Framework Matrix for the Project.

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## **3 Payment of Grant**

3.1 Upon signing this Arrangement and upon receipt of the Organization's formal request for payment in a format acceptable to CIDA, CIDA will make its grant payment of one million, two hundred thousand Canadian dollars (CDNS1,200,000).

3.2 CIDA will transfer the payment to the bank account of the Organization, as follows:

<b>Bank Name:</b>	<b>BANK OF AMERICA</b>
<b>Bank Address:</b>	730 15 <sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 – 1012, USA
<b>ABA #:</b>	0540-0120-4
<b>Account Number:</b>	0020-801-25-354
<b>Account Name:</b>	General Secretariat of the OAS
<b>Project Name:</b>	"Electoral Observation and Assistance – Phase II"

3.3 The Organization will advise CIDA in writing of any changes in this banking information and CIDA reserves its right to agree to any changes proposed.

3.4 CIDA may request reimbursement of amounts paid:

- a) after the expiry of eligibility, if the Grant is of a type that requires continuing eligibility of the Organization;
- b) on the basis of fraudulent or inaccurate application;
- c) in error.

## **4 Environmental assessment**

4.1 Not applicable.

## **5 Reports**

5.1 The Organization will provide CIDA with the following reports and documents:

- a) annual reports detailing activities undertaken and outlining the development progress and results achieved in relation to the Project, together with a final report detailing major inputs, activities, outputs and effects of the Project and outlining the lessons learned, following completion of all Project activities.

5.2 All financial accounts and statements will be expressed in United States dollars (US\$); however, the GS/OAS will provide documentation on the exchange rate received for the Canadian funds.

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## **6 Communications**

6.1 Any communication under paragraphs 3.3, 7.1, 8.1 and 8.8 of this Arrangement will be in writing and delivered in person or sent by mail at the address of the Organization, mentioned in this Arrangement.

6.2 Any other communication under this Arrangement will be in writing and delivered in person or sent by mail, facsimile or e-mail at the address of either CIDA or the Organization, mentioned in this Arrangement.

6.3 Any communication to CIDA will be addressed to:

**Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**

Americas Branch, 11th floor  
200, Promenade du Portage  
Gatineau, Québec  
Canada, K1A 0G4

Attention: Director, Inter-American Program (BMI)

Facsimile: (819) 953-1516

6.4 Any communication to the Organization will be addressed to:

Secretariat for Political Affairs  
Organization of American States  
1889 F St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20006, USA

Attention: Executive Program Manager

Facsimile: (202) 458-3256

6.5 CIDA and the Organization will advise one another of any change of address.

## **7 Duration**

7.1 CIDA may, at any time, terminate this Arrangement in whole or in part.

7.2 This Arrangement will come into effect upon the date of the last signature and will remain in effect until September 30, 2008.

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## **8 General Provisions**

8.1 No offer, gift or payment, consideration or benefit of any kind, which constitutes an illegal or corrupt practice, has been or will be made to anyone, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement or reward for the award or execution of this Arrangement. Any such practice will be grounds for terminating this Arrangement or taking any other corrective action as required.

8.2 No member of the Canadian House of Commons will be admitted to any share or part of this Arrangement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

8.3 No current or former public office holder or public servant of the Government of Canada who is not in compliance with the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code for Public Office Holders or the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service will derive a direct benefit from this Arrangement.

8.4 The Organization acknowledges that it has declared in writing to CIDA all sources of proposed funding and the corresponding amounts for the Project. The Organization agrees to update this declaration in its final report.

8.5 This Arrangement may be modified by an amendment signed by Canada and the Organization.

8.6 This Arrangement will not be assigned by the Organization without the prior written consent of CIDA.

8.7 Where appropriate, the Organization will acknowledge CIDA's funding in publications, speeches, press releases or other similar matters. The Organization will supply CIDA with a copy of any written or electronic material mentioning CIDA's support.

8.8 Any payment to be made under this Arrangement is subject to there being an appropriation by the Parliament of Canada for the fiscal year in which the payment is to be made. If CIDA's appropriation is changed by the Parliament of Canada, CIDA may reduce the Grant or terminate this Arrangement.

8.9 This Arrangement is not an international treaty. It is an administrative arrangement between Canada and the Organization.

8.10 This Arrangement together with Annex A, which forms an integral part thereof, constitutes the entire understanding between the Government of Canada and the Organization with respect to the Project.

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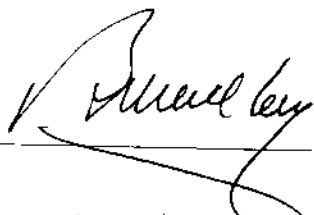
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Signed in two copies,

For the  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Signature



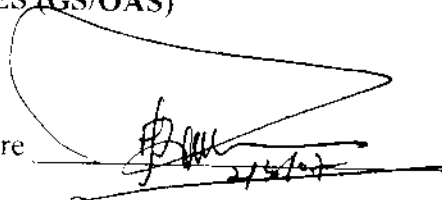
Name PETER G. MACKAY

Title MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Date MARCH 2, 2007

For the  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN  
STATES (GS/OAS)

Signature



Name ALBERT R. RAMIN

Title ACTING SECRETARY General

Date MARCH 2, 2007

**ANNEX A**

**PROJECT**

***“ELECTORAL OBSERVATION AND ASSISTANCE  
PHASE II”***



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## Project Description

The Secretariat for Political Affairs of the Organization of American States seeks funds from CIDA to continue initiatives to address two key aspects of its work: the need to identify and strengthen the social and civil dimensions of democracy beyond the holding of elections, and, at the same time strengthening electoral processes in the region building on the notable progress made and success achieved in terms of electoral democracy, thereby allowing the OAS to contribute substantially to democratic governance in the hemisphere.

In the framework of the central mandate of the OAS to promote and defend democracy in the Hemisphere, the OAS has focused over the years in supporting its member states in their efforts to hold free and fair elections and on helping to strengthen their evolving electoral systems. Under this grant funding the OAS will develop key activities to substantially contribute to the professionalization and systematization of electoral observation processes, and to the strengthening of electoral institutions in monitoring and controlling key aspects of an electoral process. The project will contain three key area of endeavors:

1. Systematizing, professionalizing and undertaking integral EOMs
  - a. Pursue its work in the development and application of standardized criteria for the evaluation of the quality of electoral processes observed and focus on improved methodologies for observing elections in the context of increasingly technologically sophisticated electoral systems in the region.
  - b. Prepare and publish a document on *The 2006 Electoral Year and OAS Observation* as the basis for a discussion at a roundtable event prior to this year's OAS General Assembly and for distribution at the 2007 Assembly.
  - c. Host the 2007 international meeting in Washington DC on *Principles of International Election Observation*, during which much of the work outlined above will be showcased.
  - d. Plan and implement follow-up actions related to the OAS 2006 EOMs and their recommendations to member states.
  - e. Organize and undertake several key electoral observation missions in 2007, in particular, the preparation and realization of a longer-term mission for the Guatemala General Elections (September 2007).
2. Inter-American Initiatives on Electoral Modernization and Reform

In this area the OAS is proposing the development of three integral initiatives to offer both individual country support and sub-regional cooperation among states, as well as analytical and debate-oriented initiatives to move the region forward in terms of how to best tackle the issues at hand, based on the identification of benchmarks and/or best practices in the matter. Though three issues have been identified, CIDA support will be targeted at only one: Inter-American Initiative on Monitoring and Control of Electoral Processes.

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One of the most challenging aspects of enhancing the quality of elections in much of the Hemisphere, and to increase citizens' trust in and acceptance of those elections and of their democratic systems as a whole, is strengthening the role of electoral institutions in monitoring and controlling key aspects of an electoral process. Three critical areas have been identified which will be supported through CIDA support:

- a. regulating party and candidate access to the media and the role of mass media in an election;
- b. monitoring and regulating the financing of political parties and campaigns;
- c. monitoring and regulating the use of state resources in an election.
- d. strengthening relations with electoral officials of the Hemisphere

### 3. Work related to the expansion of Political Citizenship in the Americas

In the OAS work related to identify and strengthen the social and civil dimensions of democracy beyond the holding of elections, the OAS will look at key areas in the hemisphere:

- a. campaign financing and the role of money in politics
- b. access to information and the quality of political campaigns
- c. political parties and candidates for public office
- d. political inclusion
- e. institutionalization of elections.

Through work in these areas the OAS will look at linkages and work with member states to secure a greater equality of opportunity in elections, to facilitate access to information about public matters, to ensure that candidates for office are capable of governing and that the process of candidate selection facilitates the rise of new leadership and to address the political inclusion of traditionally excluded or marginalized groups.