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The Permanent Mission of Panama to the Organization of American States (OAS) has the honor of writing to the ***Honorable Secretariat of the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the Organization of American States (OAS)*** in reply to its kind note GT/RDI 1/10 of October 5, 2010.

In this connection, this Mission informs the Secretariat that, with respect to the negotiation process, we are in favor of the course of action proposed by the distinguished delegation of Mexico in the sense of supporting the proposal of Antigua and Barbuda, subject to the conditions mentioned by the delegation of Mexico, to wit:

1. To continue the negotiation of a convention against racism and one or more optional protocols on all forms of discrimination and intolerance;

2. The convention and the protocols are a single element and both must be negotiated and adopted at the same time. Despite being separate documents, they should be negotiated and adopted jointly;

3. The protocols must be independent of the convention vis-à-vis their ratification and adoption, so that a state could be a party to the protocols but not necessarily to the convention.

The Permanent Mission of Panama avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the OAS the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

Washington, D.C., November 1, 2010

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