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LETTER FROM DR. DANTE NEGRO, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL LAW – TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN  
JURIDICAL COMMITTEE – ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIR OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL,  
FORWARDING THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED “PROPOSAL OF AN INTER-AMERICAN  
MODEL LAW 2.0 ON ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION,” DOCUMENT CJI/RES.255  
(XCVI-O/20) AND THE COMMITTEE’S CORRESPONDING REPORT THEREON,  
DOCUMENT CJI.DOC.607/20



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Excellency:

I have the honor of addressing Your Excellency and bring to your attention that the Inter-American Juridical Committee at its most recent regular session, held on March 2-6, 2020, at its headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, approved the "Proposal of an Inter-American Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information", resolution CJI/RES. 255 (XCVI-O/20).

As technical secretariat of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, I respectfully request that you kindly forward to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States the cited resolution as well as the text of the Model Law elaborated by the Committee on the issue, document CJI/doc. 607/20.

The "Proposal of an Inter-American Model Law" was adopted by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in response to a 2019 mandate of the General Assembly (resolution AG/RES. 2931 (XLIX-O/19)). It answers to the wide impact of the 2010 Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information and the need of developing new standards to better protect the citizens of our hemisphere. In this context, the proposal aims at raising the level of transparency in public management; fighting corruption; fostering open competition, investment and economic growth; and, empowering people to fully exercise their rights, among other things. It is expected that this proposal can help member States in the implementation of domestic legislation where needed, as it happened with the 2010 Model Law.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Dante Negro  
Director

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Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Juridical Committee

To his Excellency  
Ambassador Riyad Insanally  
Chair of the Permanent Council

Permanent Representative of Guyana  
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CJI/RES. 255 (XCIV-O/19)	PROPOSAL ON AN INTER-AMERICAN MODEL LAW 2.0 ON ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION: <a href="#">LINK</a>
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