

UNITED STATES PERMANENT MISSION TO THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, done at Caracas, Venezuela on March 29, 1996, which was signed on behalf of the United States at Panama on June 27, 1996. The United States deposited its instrument of ratification with the Organization of American States on September 29, 2000, and the Convention entered into force for the United States on October 29, 2000.

Pursuant to Article XVIII of the Convention, the Government of the United States of America wishes to designate the Office of International Affairs of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice as its central authority for purposes of mutual legal assistance.

Communications to the Central Authority should be addressed to the Office of International Affairs, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 1301 New York Avenue, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, Telephone Number: 202-514-0000 and Fax Number: 202-514-0080.

His Excellency

José Miguel Insulza,

Secretary General of the

Organization of American States,

Washington.

The United States Mission to the Organization of American States will notify the Organization of American States General Secretariat promptly of any change with respect to the aforementioned Central Authority.

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

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