

UNITED STATES PERMANENT MISSION TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, done at Nassau, The Bahamas on May 23, 1992, and the Optional Protocol Related to the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters done at Managua, Nicaragua on June 11, 1993, which were both signed on behalf of the United States at the Headquarters of the Organization of American States in Washington on January 10, 1995. The Government of the United States of America, in conjunction with the deposit of the United States instrument of ratification of the Convention with Related Optional Protocol, wishes to provide the following information:

Pursuant to Article 3 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 implementation of the Convention. Communications to the Central

His Excellency

Cesar Gaviria,

Secretary General of the

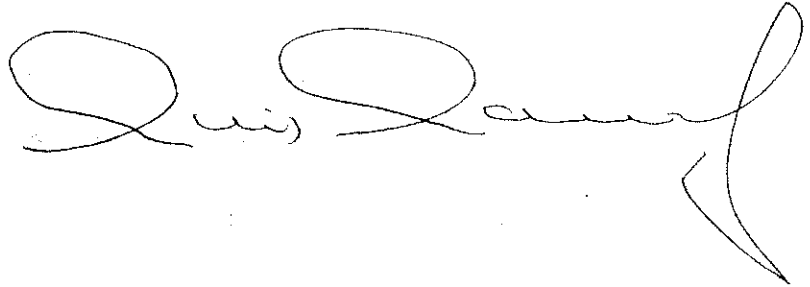
Organization of American States,

Washington.

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.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Luis Lora". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.