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Washington, D.C., November 16, 2026

Her Excellency
Mónica Palencia
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador
Chair of the Permanent Council
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

Excellency:

We, twelve of the nineteen States Parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR), have the honor to address Your Excellency in your capacity as Chair of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) to communicate our intention to convoke the Organ of Consultation. To provide a forum to formalize this intention, we request that you convene the Permanent Council as a provisional organ of consultation under Article 12 of the TIAR for the purpose of considering and adopting the draft resolution appended to this letter entitled "Convocation of the Organ of Consultation of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR)." We request that this meeting occur on the morning of November 19, 2026.

This request is being made pursuant to Article 13 of the TIAR, as reflected in Article 43 of the Statutes of the Permanent Council and Article 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council. Article 78 states that:

> "When one or more of the member states that have ratified the TIAR request that the Meeting of Consultation be convened in accordance with Article 13 of that treaty, the Permanent Council shall decide by the vote of an absolute majority of the states that have ratified that treaty whether the Meeting should be held."

The convocation of the Organ of Consultation will be based on Article 6 of the TIAR, which states that:

> "If the inviolability or the integrity of the territory or the sovereignty or political independence of any American State should be affected by an aggression which is not an armed attack or by an extra-continental or intra-continental conflict, or by any other fact or situation that might endanger the peace of America, the Organ of Consultation shall meet immediately in order to agree on the measures which must be taken in case of aggression to assist the victim of the aggression or, in any case, the measures which should be taken for the common defense and for the maintenance of the peace and security of the Continent."

As noted in our Joint Statement of September 22, 2026, it is our collective position that the most immediate and universally shared threat in our Hemisphere is that posed by organized criminal groups engaged in transnational drug trafficking and terrorism. The activities of these organizations constitute a situation that endangers the peace and security of the Americas under Article 6 and necessitate the convocation of the Organ of Consultation to consider adopting a resolution promoting and facilitating collective, cooperative, and coordinated action under the TIAR. Such action will not be directed against any Member State and will not involve the use of armed force.

This request is intended to begin the process of consultation under the TIAR and does not prejudge the measures that may ultimately be taken by the Organ of Consultation under Article 8 or other provisions of the TIAR. Any such future action will be taken in compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the OAS, the TIAR, and other applicable international law, respecting the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-intervention, and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In keeping with Article 16 of the TIAR, this request to convene the Permanent Council as a provisional organ of consultation is supported by an absolute majority of the Member States with voting rights: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. The request is also supported by Bolivia, Ecuador, and Guyana, OAS Member States that are not currently parties to the TIAR. Under Articles 14 and 16 of the TIAR, as reflected in Articles 57 and 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council, only States Parties may take part in the adoption of decisions during the requested meeting.

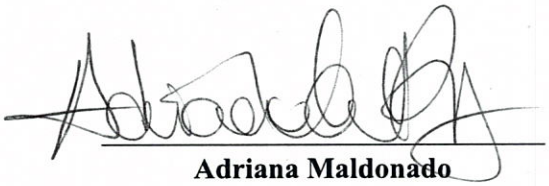
Accept, Excellency, renewed assurances of our highest consideration.



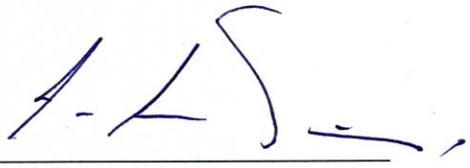
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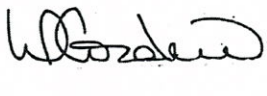
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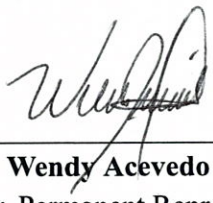
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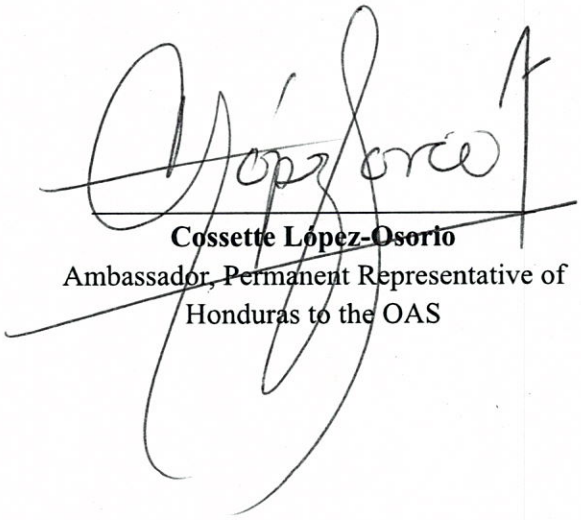
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Enclosure: Draft resolution "Convocation of the Organ of Consultation of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR)."

cc: Her Excellency Laura Gil, Assistant Secretary General, Organization of American States
His Excellency Néstor Méndez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belize, Vice Chair of the Permanent Council