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Excellency,

In response to your letter dated July 27, 2001, I have on behalf of the Government of Suriname the distinct honour to transmit the following observations on the draft Inter-American Democratic Charter (Rev.7). The competent State authorities together with several Civil Society Organizations among others, the Independent Election Board, the University of Suriname, Labour Organizations, Human Rights Organizations and the Chamber of Commerce, have discussed the matter in detail and made the following comments on the text of aforementioned Draft document.

Proposed additional preambular paragraph:

"Aware that education is a vehicle for arriving at effective and meaningful participation in the decision making process and that education allows citizens to take informed positions towards developments in their respective countries. Reaffirming therefore the importance of Human Resource Development for an effective and solid democratic system".

Proposed amendment to the last sentence of Article 14:

"The Member State which has been subject to suspension shall continue to have the obligation towards its citizens and the Organization to respect all human rights and in addition to restore the democratic order of society".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry L. Mac-Donald'.

Henry L. Mac-Donald
Interim Representative

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