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***Washington, D.C. 20520***

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His Excellency  
Ambassador Gustavo Albín  
Permanent Representative of Mexico  
Chair of the Committee on Hemispheric Security  
Organization of American States  
Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit to the Committee on Hemispheric Security a report detailing activities by the United States to support the application and implementation of confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) during the 2007-2008 period, pursuant to commitments outlined in General Assembly resolutions AG/RES.2398 (XXXVIII-O/08) and AG/RES.2270 (XXXVII-O/07), entitled "Confidence- and Security-Building in the Americas."

The United States strongly supports the adoption and implementation of such measures as identified in the Declarations of Santiago, San Salvador, and Miami on CSBMs. The enclosed report is based on the list of specific measures identified at the Summit-Mandated Experts' Meeting on CSBMs held in 2003 in Miami, Florida, which consolidates all similar measures identified in previous OAS high-level meetings on CSBMs. Next year, we look forward to reporting based on the consolidated list of CSBMs recently agreed upon in the Committee on Hemispheric Security.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Lewis Amselem".

W. Lewis Amselem

Deputy U.S. Permanent Representative

Cc: Carolina Santa Maria, Secretary, Committee on Hemispheric Security