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TRIBAD 75/17
October 10, 2017

Ambassador Eliza Ruiz Díaz
Permanent Representative of Paraguay
to the Organization of American States
Chair of the Committee on Administrative and
Budgetary Affairs of the Permanent Council
Washington, D.C.

Re: Pending allocation for the fourth quarter of 2017

Excellency:

I have the honor to address you on behalf of the members of the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization of American States, following up on my presentation of October 10, 2017, before the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs of the Permanent Council.

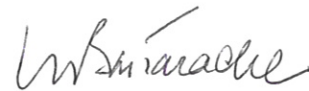
The Tribunal issued Note TRIBAD 40/17, addressed to the Secretary General, on May 23, 2017, appealing urgently for action because of the consequences of a possible loss of jurisdictional immunity if the Tribunal could no longer function; it requested the amount of 36,300 dollars to be able to function until the end of the year. In failing to receive a timely response, the Tribunal was forced to suspend its jurisdictional functions on June 1, 2017. It was not until the suspension took place that a further credit of \$9,500 was allocated. This last mentioned amount of \$9,500 does not correspond to the projection of expenses made by this Tribunal to enable it to function until the end of the year, which projection was sent to the Delegation [on June 14, 2016](#).¹ Having received the \$9,500, there is **still pending an amount of \$26,800**. This amount was requested from the General Secretariat on July 20, 2017 through Note TRIBAD 52/17, and such request was denied through Note OSG/274/17 of July 31, 2017 of the Chief of Staff of the Secretary General, Gonzalo Koncke.

¹ See Annex 11 of Note [TRIBAD 44/17](#) sent to the CAAP on June 16, 2017

As it was explained during my presentation today, the accreditation of these funds is urgent so that the Tribunal can hold its annual meeting on November 13 to 15 in order to discuss several internal issues such as the ongoing project on electronic litigation, the review of the Regulations concerning procedural issues like anonymity, legal representation, third party intervention, and to hold a town hall with the personnel, among others activities scheduled.

Consequently, the OAS Administrative Tribunal requests that you circulate to Delegations the Tribunal's petition for \$26,800.00 that allow it to resume its work during the final quarter of 2017 and lift the suspension.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Bastarache', written in a cursive style.

Judge Michel Bastarache
Vice-President
Administrative Tribunal of the OAS