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Dr. Julio César Castaños Guzmán
President of the Central Electoral Board
Central Electoral Board (JCE)
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Dear Dr. Castaños Guzmán,

I am pleased to inform you that IFES is able to respond to your request for support for the February elections in the Dominican Republic. My colleagues look forward to working together with you in the coming weeks to enhance the quality of the electronic voting system as well as the credibility and transparency of the electoral process. We appreciate your trust in this sensitive matter.

With support from the United States Agency for International Development, we will deploy a technical mission Sunday, January 19 to Santo Domingo. The initial team will include Pro V&V, a system testing firm certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and an IFES team lead, Sophie Lagueny, who is currently IFES Country Director in Haiti.

My colleagues Michael Svetlik, who is our vice president of programs, and Sophie Lagueny are available to discuss further details of the evaluation. We will continue to provide your colleague Joel Lantigua with updates regarding our deployment and project specifics over the coming days.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your continued trust in IFES.

Wishing you all the best for the start of the new year,

Anthony Banbury
President & CEO
International Foundation for Electoral Systems