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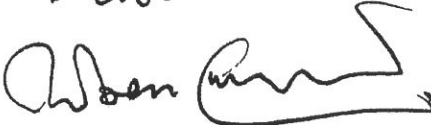
Dear Luigi,

Thank you for your letter of 27 June, received in my office on 6 August: I was away on leave until last week.

We are very happy to accept the invitation of the General Secretariat of the OAS for the United Kingdom to become a member of the Group of Friends. I would be grateful in due course to know in more detail how you intend the group to function.

The United Kingdom remains committed to helping Belize and Guatemala find a peaceful resolution of their dispute and we look forward to continuing our close co-operation with the OAS both bilaterally and as a member of the Group of Friends.

I hope that we can meet again when I am next in Washington DC, on 24/25 September. Our Embassy will be in touch about this.

Yours ever


Robert Culshaw
Permanent Observer of the United Kingdom to the OAS