



United States Department of State

*United States Permanent Mission to the
Organization of American States*

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Excellency,

I am writing in response to your letter of June 27, 2003, to Ambassador Roger F. Noriega, inviting the United States to become a member of a Group of Friends of Belize and Guatemala.

As you know, my Government has long supported the efforts of the OAS to facilitate peaceful resolution of the Belize-Guatemala territorial differendum. It is therefore with pleasure that I confirm the intention of the United States to become a member of this important new Group of Friends. We will look forward to the first meeting in the near future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Dunn".

Timothy J. Dunn
Deputy Permanent Representative

His Excellency
Luigi Einaudi,
Assistant Secretary General,
The Organization of American States.