



GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
Office of the Prime Minister

St Johns, December 13, 2019

Excellency:

I write to you on my own behalf and on behalf of the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Right Honourable Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, to formally nominate Maria Fernanda Espinosa, a distinguished citizen of our Americas and former President of the United Nations General Assembly (2018-2019), for the post of Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) for the 2020-2025 term.

We are confident that Maria Fernanda Espinosa meets the highest standards of personal integrity and professional ability.

The governments of Antigua and Barbuda and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are committed to upholding the four pillars of the Organization: respect for democracy and democratic institutions, advancing integral development and prosperity, promoting and defending human rights and ensuring a multidimensional approach to security.

Having examined Maria Fernanda Espinosa's record in several capacities of high office, including several portfolios as Minister of Government, Ambassador to international organizations and President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are convinced that she has a clear understanding of the above-mentioned pillars and will act to strengthen and advance each of them in the collective interests of the member states of the OAS.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Browne'.

Gaston Alfonso Browne
Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

To Her Excellency
Rita Claverie Diaz de Sciolli
Chair of the OAS Permanent Council
Organization of American States
Washington D.C.