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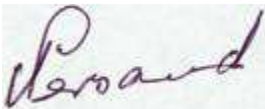
**Canadian High Commissioner (Designate) Pays Courtesy Call on GECOM  
Chairman**

Mr. Charles Court, High Commissioner (Designate) of Canada to Guyana paid a courtesy call on Dr. Steve Surujbally, Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission at the latter's Office on Wednesday, September 27, 2006.

During the courtesy call, discussions were focused particularly on several future long and short term activities of GECOM including (i) the implementation of the 2nd Cycle of Continuous Registration; (ii) GECOM's thrust to be prepared for the conduct of Local Government Elections as soon as possible; and (iii) further assistance to bring about the realization of legal reforms which are necessary to allow the Commission to carry out its work in an unimpeded manner.

Dr. Surujbally and Mr. Court also discussed recommendations contained in the Reports of the Foreign Observer Groups which monitored Guyana's 2006 General and Regional Elections and those (recommendations) of the Commission and its Secretariat.

The discussions also focused on further assistance from the Donor Community relevant to strengthening the capacity of GECOM to honour its mandate. Accordingly, the matter of continued funding for the retainance of the services of Mr. Gavin Campbell as the Commission's IT Manager and the continuity of the GECOM Media Monitoring Unit (MMU) was discussed.



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