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Dear Ms. Gomes, *Ana*

I wish to thank you and your team for your participation in the Tenth Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (DoP) which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in October 2015.

The meeting, which also coincided with the tenth anniversary of the launch of the Declaration, provided a unique opportunity for the participating organizations to take stock of the significant progress made in improving election observation methodology and good practices across the globe in the past ten years. It also provided a valuable venue for the participants to exchange views on how best to address some of the existing challenges as we strive to entrench and implement the lessons learned since the launch of the Declaration in 2005.

Your participation and the contribution that you and your team made in this process was invaluable and played a key role in the success of the event, and I wanted to take this opportunity and extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for this support and contribution.

I am pleased to share, here attached, the final minutes of the meeting which is aimed at providing a summary of some of the main issues raised and discussed during the event. I wish to thank all colleagues in the DoP Convening Committee who reviewed the draft and provided comments and inputs. Our special thanks also go to The Carter Center (TCC) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) for kindly reviewing the initial draft and providing very valuable comments and inputs.

With many thanks and looking forward to seeing you again in the near future.

*Thanks so much for coming - for your enormous contributions over the years*  
Yours sincerely,

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