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Dear Philip,

President-Elect Banzer of Bolivia

Following the national election in Bolivia on 1 June, a majority coalition has been formed by General Hugo Banzer, the leader of the Acción Democrática Nacionalista party (ADN) which secured the largest share of the vote (22%). The Bolivian Congress is expected to elect General Banzer formally as President on 4 August.

Our interest in sending a message lie in promoting and protecting our development assistance and anti-narcotics cooperation and maintaining the excellent relations we have enjoyed with the Bolivian authorities recently. Bolivia receives the second largest tranche of DFID funding in South America, after Brazil and is a small but growing market for British exports. The Ambassador feels that a message from the Prime Minister would be appropriate in view of our interests in Bolivia. It would contribute to our getting alongside the new administration quickly.

We shall follow the policies of the new administration closely. General Banzer has promised not to overturn the economic and social reforms of his predecessor, although he may seek to renegotiate contracts with some of the international companies which have financed the capitalisation programme. He has also promised to maintain the crackdown on the cultivation of the coca leaf.

Yours Mr,
Dominick

(Dominick Chilcott)
Private Secretary

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TO IMMEDIATE LA PAZ

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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister to President-elect General Banzer on his election by Congress:

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On behalf of the British Government I offer my congratulations on your ~~successful~~ election as the President of Bolivia. We send you and your partners in government our good wishes for the future prosperity of Bolivia.

I look forward to working with your Government to build on the very good relations between our two countries.

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