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Dear Philip

President-Elect of Costa Rica

Dr Miguel Angel Rodriguez of the Opposition Partido Unidad Social Cristiana (PUSC) won the Costa Rican presidential elections on 1 February. The official figures reveal a narrow victory (some 46.9% of the popular vote versus 44.4% for the government candidate, but the elections were conducted in a free and fair manner, which is the norm in Costa Rica.

Dr Rodriguez was standing as the PUSC candidate for the second time, having only narrowly lost the 1994 election to President Figueres. He first served as a Minister in the late 1960s and has been a leading member of the conservative wing of the PUSC since the mid 1980s. He studied economics and law in Costa Rica and subsequently earned a PhD at the University of California, Berkeley.

... We recommend that the Prime Minister send a congratulatory message to Dr Rodriguez. I enclose a draft.

Yours ever

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CONGRATULATIONS

1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister to President-elect Rodriguez:

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Please accept my congratulations on your election as the next President of Costa Rica.

I look forward to the continued development of the good relations that exist between our two countries, including through increased trade and investment and our exchanges in the San Jose Dialogue.

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