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**His Excellency
Ambassador Ron Kirk
United States Trade Representative**

Excellency,

I hereby refer to your communication of April 27th, 2011 requesting the General Secretariat of the OAS to consent to the establishment and operation of the Secretariat of Environmental Matters of the United States – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (“Agreement”) within the Department of Sustainable Development of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS-DSD). Based on the background provided in your communication, I am pleased to confirm my consent to your request, subject to the availability and provision of appropriated funds in accordance with each Party’s respective legal procedures, and to the completion of an agreement with the General Secretariat of the OAS establishing the necessary regulatory framework for the Secretariat to carry out its functions within the OAS-DSD in accordance to the rules and procedures of the Organization.

It will be an honor for the General Secretariat of the OAS to house and provide the Secretariat with administrative and technical support to carry out its functions, while at the same time complementing the priorities and mandates that the OAS-DSD has been pursuing in the OAS Member States.

I look forward to continue to cooperate with you towards advancing environmental protection and sustainable development in our hemisphere.

Excellency, I take this opportunity to express the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



**José Miguel Insulza
Secretary General**