

Montevideo, November 2010

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Dear General Natynczyk,

As you most probably know, we have received all the shipments of the vehicles, as well as the replacement and armament pieces purchased from Canada, which were in service as part of your country's participation in the UN peace mission in Darfur. I would like to use this opportunity to express my thankfulness concerning this operation, which we are convinced has been beneficial to both countries, and thank all parties involved in this process. I would also like to particularly stress the individual and collective efforts made, specially the tasks conducted by your representatives, Mr. Wayne Steward and the firms Smith Consulting Group (SCG) and International Trade Consortium (ITC), which contributed to conclude the agreements satisfactorily. Without the professional participation from all these parties, this project would have been hard to concluded.

In particular, I would like to emphasize our appreciation that the negotiations took place in an environment of excellent relations among our countries. I refer to this due to the existing worries that we had knowledge of concerning the verified inconsistencies in the package with replacements originally shipped, which would have generated some discomfort or concern from the Uruguayan part. I would like to assure you that we never considered that this matter could cause an institutional or diplomatic discomfort. We then recognized that problems of that type may occur and we were very satisfied when we learned that the Canadian Army would rectify these inconsistencies. In that sense, we were very pleasantly surprised and recognized when learning that the Canadian Army would supply us the 50 caliber machine guns, which had motivated an expression of interest to purchase by our Army through our note of October 14, 2009, but in such opportunity we were informed that these would not be sold.

Again, I renew my greetings and gratitude with regards to the execution of this operation.

Yours sincerely,

The Commander of the Army's
General Logistics Support Command

Milton E. Ituarte