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Dear John,

I wish to congratulate you and the members of the Special Committee on the Peace Process in Central America on your excellent report, which was tabled in the House of Commons on July 5. The unanimous agreement of all parties to establish the committee reflected the deep concern felt by the House, indeed, by all Canadians, about the situation in Central America. It clearly demonstrated the desire of the Canadian people to contribute in whatever way possible to the realization of peace in that troubled region.

Your committee did not request that the government respond formally to the report. Nonetheless, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the main recommendations. As a general comment, I should first say that the work of the Committee has been warmly appreciated by my colleagues and me. I have reviewed the report with the Honourable Monique Landry and with senior officials of External Affairs and CIDA. We have found it positive and challenging in its view of Canada's relations with Central America and imaginative in its recommendations as to where we might go. I should be grateful if you would convey my gratitude to the other members of the Committee and to the staff who have done such an outstanding job in a short period of time.

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Peace Process in Central America