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To whom it may concern:

This letter serves to recognize Blue Law International, LLP for its achievements during the Paraguay Threshold Country Program-Formalization of Economic Activities project. Blue Law was responsible for overseeing implementation of Component 7, of the Threshold Country Program, Strengthening Customs and Border Controls, as a subcontractor to Chemonics International. This involved organizing, training, equipping, advising and assisting a special customs unit dedicated to anti-contraband detection and seizure operations. The unit, known by its Spanish acronym, DETAVE, is an inter-institutional unit comprised of military, police, and customs officials, as well as other civil authorities.

Blue Law personnel were employed to provide basic and advanced training in human rights, investigations, legal and criminal prosecution procedures, building and vehicle searches, and defensive and tactical training to over 100 Paraguayan trainees. In furtherance of these efforts, Blue Law personnel exceeded expectations, including incorporating last minute additions and supplements to classroom activities as requested or needed by trainees in order to guarantee the success of the program and of each individual trainee.

Some activities undertaken by Blue Law International that were not initially contemplated, but arose as needs due to unanticipated issues encountered during implementation include providing research, advice and written specifications for boat procurement, providing advice and input for radio communication equipment and providing a back-up trainer to cover a high-volume training period. Furthermore, Blue Law incorporated important training activities that were not part of the curriculum, such as vehicle maintenance, first aid, suspect apprehension and graduated response techniques as requested by the Government of Paraguay and trainees. Blue Law also became involved in the planning for the establishment of an administrative base and command and control mechanisms for this specialized unit.

Additionally, Blue Law took special interest in the individual success of each trainee. When trainees lacked fundamental skills, such as basic driving skills, Blue Law personnel quickly and discreetly organized remedial training programs so that every person would acquire the skills required for course completion. Furthermore, where trainees exhibited unique talents, Blue Law fostered the continued development of those talents by placing them in leadership roles amongst their peers. Moreover, Blue Law organized group activities for team cohesion and morale.

For these reasons and more, Blue Law International LLP is to be lauded for their exceptional performance under the Paraguay Formalization of Economic Activities project.

Sincerely,



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