EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

February 21st, 2024

Elizabeth Marie Allen
Under Secretary of State
Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Under Secretary Allen,

I am writing to kindly ask for the establishment of an exchange program pursuant to Section 108A of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256, as amended) and the regulations at 22 CFR Part 64.

The Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana proposes the implementation of a cultural exchange program with the United States for participants to visit the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. The intent of the program is to educate program participants on the cultural, social, economic and political aspects of the country. The formal name of this exchange program will be the "Guyana-US Bilateral Exchange Program."

Details of the exchange program: Participants in the Guyana-US Bilateral Exchange Program will be Members of the U.S. Congress, U.S. Congressional Staff, and other U.S. Government officials.

The program will be designed to increase mutual understanding and respect between the peoples of the United States and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and to further develop friendly relations between our two countries.

Programs will be designed for experts in fields of specialized knowledge or skill and for other influential persons. The programs will include a wide range of activities from meetings to visits to federal government facilities and sites of special interest in locations around the country. Participants may visit our parliament, government ministries, departments and agencies, as well as universities, schools, companies, or other entities in the public, private, or nongovernmental sectors. There will also be visits to cultural and historical sites.

Program participants will have an opportunity to meet people from many different sectors of Guyanese society, such as parliamentarians, ministers, civil servants, university administrators, teachers, students, and businessmen, as well as scientists, artists and other citizens. Occasionally,

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attendance at special events and functions will also be arranged to enable program participants to become better acquainted with people and activities at the national, regional, and municipal levels.

The program aims at promoting a better understanding of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. This may be conducted through the focus of different themes and topics for each trip and may include different aspects of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, from a focus on public policies, such as on international trade, energy and food security, goods, services, and investment, to development of commercial or other sectors. Cultural and social issues, including the environment, labor, and education may also be explored. A cultural component will be included in all visits.

Expected Number of Participants-Per-Program Visit: We anticipate an average total of approximately five (5) to fifteen (15) participants on each program visit to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. We intend to organize an average of two to three visits per year.

Average Duration of Stay: The average duration of stay for a typical program visit to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will be between three (3) to five (5) days, excluding international travel, depending on the theme of the visit and activities within Guyana.

Number of U.S. Citizens Expected to Participate in This Program Annually: We anticipate hosting a range of ten (10) to thirty (45) U.S. citizens a year.

Agency of the Foreign Government Responsible for the Program: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

U.S. Contact: The current designated contact for this program in the United States is: Ambassador Samuel Hinds- Ambassador of Guyana to the United States of America

The Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will notify the Department of State whenever there are any changes regarding our point of contact.

Statement of Funding: The Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana attests that all activities and travel will be funded by the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and that no private funding will be used. Also, no funding will be provided for expenses incurred by or for any member of the family or household of participating federal employees.

We would appreciate your consideration of this proposal. The Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana looks forward to sponsoring this exchange.

Sincerely,

Samuel Hinds

Ambassador Samuel Hinds, O.E

United States Department of State

Assistant Secretary of State
for Educational and Cultural Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20522

March 15, 2024

His Excellency
Samuel Hinds
Ambassador
Embassy of the Republic of Guyana
2490 Tracy Place, NW,
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Hinds:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, I am pleased to approve the cultural exchange program proposed by the Embassy of the Republic of Guyana. The *Guyana-U.S. Bilateral Exchange Program,* as described, complies with the requirements of Section 108A of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended [Public Law 87-256] and the implementing regulations set forth in 22 CFR Part 64. The Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana may conduct programming consistent with these provisions and the tenets of this program. As such, the participation of eligible U.S. federal employees is authorized.

I wish you much success in the implementation of your new program.

Sincerely,

Lee Satterfield

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Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Educational &
Cultural Affairs