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Mr. Igor Borisov, Ph.D
Chairman of the Council
Russian Public Institute for Electoral Rights

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Dear Mr. Borisov,

I write on behalf of Mr. Annan to thank you for your letter of 25 May 2013, and for enclosing a copy of the report of the Russian Public Institute for Electoral Rights on the presidential elections in the USA, in November of last year.

I have had the opportunity to review its contents and found it to be a comprehensive and insightful document. Of particular interest were the observations regarding election monitoring, as you are right in noting that the current electoral laws in the United States do not provide for optional observation by external and domestic monitors.

The question of electoral observation is amongst the issues addressed in the final report of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security; *Deepening Democracy, a Strategy for Improving the Integrity of Elections Worldwide*. As that report notes, all countries have improvements to make in order to hold elections with integrity. Mr. Annan, as Chair of the Commission, has circulated a copy of your report to other members of the Commission and its associated bodies, and we will be sure to convey to you any comments or feedback they may have.

Sincerely,

Ruth McCoy
Executive Director,
Kofi Annan Foundation.