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Your Excellency,

I thank you for your letter of 30 November, 2004 describing the current situation in Nicaragua.

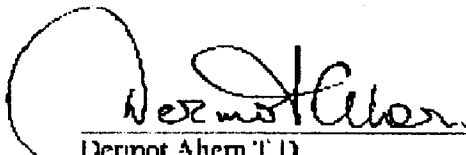
I wish to assure you that Ireland will continue to support the Nicaraguan Government's efforts to strengthen the independence of state institutions and the democratic structures of society.

I am heartened that you found the European Union declaration of 1 November 2004 on the political situation in Nicaragua to be of support to the efforts of President Bolaños and the Nicaraguan Government, in particular the efforts to strengthen democracy, increase transparency and reduce poverty.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Minister for Foreign Affairs