

**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME  
HIS EXCELLENCY RUNALDO RONALD VENETIAAN  
ON THE OCCASSION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS  
BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC  
HIS EXCELLENCY BRANISLAV HITKA  
9 JUNE 2009**

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MR. AMBASSADOR,

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO ACCEPT THE LETTERS ACCREDITING YOU AS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC TO THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME.

WITH YOUR ACCREDITATION, YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS ASPIRATION TO INTENSIFY THE LEVEL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

SLOVAKIA WILL FIND A REAL PARTNER IN SURINAME, BECAUSE OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES REGARDING PEACE AND SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

IN THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF SURINAME SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS PLACED UPON ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS AND UPON EQUITABLE TRADE RELATIONS.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

I WISH YOU SUCCESS WITH YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME WILL GIVE YOU EVERY SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOUR.

THANK YOU.