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Ambassador Ziauddin presents Letters of Commission to OAS Secretary General

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The Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States of America, Mr. Mohammad Ziauddin, presented copies of his Letters of Commission to Ambassador Luis Almagro Lemes, Honorable Secretary General of Organization of American States (OAS), Thursday at the OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the esteemed Organization.

On December 01, 2016, Bangladesh was granted the status of Permanent Observer to the oldest regional organization in the world. The Washington, D.C.-based organization has 34 members and 72 permanent observers.

Ambassador Ziauddin told the Secretary General that the Permanent Observer status of the OAS will contribute to the government of Bangladesh's endeavor to expand its diplomatic outreach. He added that Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina believes that in today's globalized world, it is inevitable and imperative to build and strengthen friendship with friends in distant shore.

The Ambassador assured the Secretary General that Bangladesh will provide a value to the Organization based on its shared convictions in the areas of democracy, human rights, security and development. Bangladesh plans to use the status as Permanent Observer to strengthen its ties with the region and to promote mutual understanding and assistance to the Hemisphere.

The Ambassador briefed the Secretary General on Bangladesh's growing economy and women empowerment as well as development activities under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Ambassador Lemes applauded Bangladesh's effort in eradicating poverty and advancement in socio-economic development. He suggested Bangladesh to remain engaged with other regional organizations of the American continent. The Secretary General also appreciated Bangladesh's role in dealing with the Rohingya crisis.

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