

Re: James Rubin; Dominican Republic Question

Assistant

Wed 7/24/2019 4:09 PM

To: Carbone, Craig (Rick Scott) <Craig_Carbone@rickscott.senate.gov>;

Craig,

My apologies, I just realized the email below is missing our representation disclaimer (please see below). I know you are aware that we represent the Dominican Republic, but we typically include our representation statement in all correspondence related to our foreign clients to ensure that our representation is clear.

"This material is distributed by Ballard Partners on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C."

Respectfully,

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From: Carbone, Craig (Rick Scott) <Craig_Carbone@rickscott.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:17:37 AM
To: Assistant <assistant@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>; James Rubin <rubin@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Subject: RE: James Rubin; Dominican Republic Question

Thank you for the update. I have shared with the team.

Craig

From: Assistant <assistant@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:13 AM
To: James Rubin <rubin@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>; Carbone, Craig (Rick Scott) <Craig_Carbone@rickscott.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: James Rubin; Dominican Republic Question

Good morning Mr. Carbone,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing this morning on behalf of Mr. Rubin to update you on the Dominican Republic issue.

On July 11, 2019 Secretary Pompeo and President Medina had a discussion regarding the importance of democratic institutions in the Dominican republic. Monday evening, July 22, 2019, President Medina announced that he would not seek re-election for a third consecutive term. In his statement, he noted that despite popular support for his presidency, the institutions and frameworks protected by the Dominican Constitution must be respected. With this announcement, it seems that he has also abandoned pursuing the constitutional amendment that would enable him to run for a third consecutive term.

For further information, I have included several articles with respect to this update.

<https://www.apnews.com/d156cd209799463ea691d0b0a758eab8>



[Dominican Republic mulls constitutional change amid protests](#)

www.apnews.com

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A proposal in the Dominican Republic that would amend the constitution to allow President Danilo Medina to run for a third term in office has sparked protests among opposition lawmakers and critics. The amendment would let Medina to stay in office until ...

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-dominican-republic-dipolomacy/pompeo-highlights-importance-of-democracy-in-dominican-republic-statement-idUSKCN1U705R>



[Pompeo highlights importance of democracy in Dominican Republic: statement - Reuters](#)

www.reuters.com

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo highlighted the importance of democratic institutions in the Dominican Republic with President Danilo Medina, according to a statement released Thursday, ahead ...

<https://dominantoday.com/dr/local/2019/07/23/dominican-republic-president-caves-wont-see-reelection/>



[Dominican Republic president caves, won't seek reelection](#)

dominantoday.com

Santo Domingo.- Dominican Republic president Danilo Medina announced Mon. night that he will not seek a third consecutive term and avert a Constitutional amendment, despite the

support of citizens, leaders of all levels of the ruling party and allied groups. The announcement comes after months of ...

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From: James Rubin <rubin@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 11:04:33 AM
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Cc: Assistant <assistant@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Subject: Re: James Rubin; Dominican Republic Question

Of course. Please call with any questions and we will come to u right away

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2019, at 11:03, Carbone, Craig (Rick Scott) <Craig_Carbone@rickscott.senate.gov> wrote:

Thank you for the information. If I have any further questions can I follow up with you?

Craig

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From: Assistant <assistant@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Carbone, Craig (Rick Scott) <Craig_Carbone@rickscott.senate.gov>
Cc: James Rubin <rubin@BALLARDPARTNERS.COM>
Subject: James Rubin; Dominican Republic Question

Good afternoon Craig,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing this afternoon on behalf of James Rubin at Ballard Partners with respect to the question you had regarding past three-term presidents in the Dominican Republic.

In 2000, President Hipolito Mejia changed the constitution to allow for two consecutive presidential terms. Although he was successful in amending the constitution Mejia lost to his predecessor, Leonel Fernandez. Fernandez served his first term from 1996 to 2000, and as a result of Mejia's changes to the constitution, Fernandez was able to serve two consecutive terms from 2004-2012. Fernandez then changed the constitution to allow for unlimited but non-consecutive re-election which the current president, Danilo Medina, reversed shortly after he was first elected in 2012. Medina was re-elected in 2016 and is constitutionally unable to run for a third term.

Jamie will follow up with Senator Scott's chief of staff regarding the timeframe of the proposed action shortly.

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