



STATEMENTS BY THE SPOKESPERSON

Statement by the Spokesperson on the decision of the Guatemalan government not to renew the CICIG mandate

The decision by the Government of Guatemala not to renew the mandate of CICIG (International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala) beyond 2019 constitutes a step backward in the consolidation of rule of law. In the last ten years this body, set up on request of the Guatemalan Government, has made an important contribution to the fight against corruption and impunity. The European Union has been a staunch supporter of its work, in cooperation with the attorney general. We expect CICIG to be able to continue its full operation for the remainder of the period in accordance with its mandate. The EU is committed to continue supporting Guatemala in strengthening rule of law and institutional capacity in the period till September 2019 and beyond in the interest of all Guatemalans.

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