



ParlAmericas statement on the situation in Guatemala

ParlAmericas, which is closely following the situation in Guatemala, and acknowledging resolution CP/RES.1236 of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States entitled "Recent Developments Impacting the Rule of Law and Democratic Presidential Transition in Guatemala" adopted on November 15, 2023,

Respectfully calls on Guatemalan democratic institutions to ensure an orderly, transparent, effective and peaceful transition of power and to uphold the rule of law and the constitutional order;

Reiterates the importance of respecting the will of the people of Guatemala expressed freely in the elections held on June 25 and August 20, 2023;

Expresses its strong condemnation of the intimidatory actions against members of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala;

And reaffirms the importance of the role of the Legislative Branch, as representative of the will of the people, in the peaceful transition of power, a cornerstone of democratic societies.

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