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Press Statement

Election Outcome

The United States congratulates the Guatemalan people and electoral officials on a generally peaceful and orderly election. We applaud the political parties for their commitment to nonviolence throughout the electoral process, and we commend civil society organizations and other key stakeholders for their efforts to strengthen democracy and promote peace.

We are aware that Guatemalan constitutional law requires a runoff election between the top two candidates when no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote during the first election. We expect that the contest for second place will also be resolved peacefully and fairly.

We support the Guatemalan constitutional process and urge all political parties to work with the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE), and within all relevant laws and regulations, in preparation for the runoff election.

We also highlight the positive role international observers, including the OAS Electoral Observation Mission, are playing as impartial monitors, helping to ensure transparency and fairness throughout the electoral process