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## **Press release**

### **The United States applauds CICIG report**

The United States applauds “The funding of politics in Guatemala” report presented today by CICIG.

As we have said before, Guatemala suffers from weak executive, legislative, and judicial institutions, and in auditing of the same. This report illustrates what happens when weak institutions are tasked with regulating corrupt actors. The report makes it clear that the political classes have been mocking the Guatemalan people.

Guatemalans deserve better. They have suffered under these conditions for too long. As the Commissioner notes in his conclusions and recommendations, Guatemalans must decide what to do about this: continue as they have until now or change the dynamic.

We call again upon Congress to work immediately on all the reforms that have been discussed with civil society over the last months, regarding elections, the judicial system, civil service, and purchasing and hiring. Congress must demonstrate that it will not tolerate a corrupt system.

No one said that change would be easy, or that it would happen overnight. The interests that created this corrupt system will work hard to defend it. But that will not overcome the determination of the Guatemalans who have filled the Plaza de la Constitución week after week.

The Government of the United States supports their call for reform and change. We support a better future for Guatemala.