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SWEDEN OFFERS AN ADDITIONAL USD 1.74 MILLION TO SUPPORT FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY

THE LATEST CONTRIBUTION TOTALS 12 MILLION SWEDISH KRONA (GTQ 13,560,989.72), BRINGING ITS TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO 12,948,405.75 MILLION DOLLARS (GTQ 100,738,597.33)

The Ambassador of Sweden, Michael Frühling, signed an addendum increasing his country's contribution to the fight against impunity in Guatemala. At the event held at the offices of the United Nations Development Programme, the ambassador said: "Sweden reiterates its commitment to creating a system capable of eradicating impunity for the Guatemalan people and achieving prompt and fair justice."

The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guatemala, René Mauricio Valdés, affirmed: "With this contribution, Sweden has now donated the significant amount of 11.4 million dollars to strengthening the fight against impunity through the work of CICIG and the necessary bolstering of the Public Prosecutor's Office."

Commissioner of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, Francisco Dall'Anese Ruiz, expressed his appreciation for the generous contribution made by Sweden toward the strengthening work conducted together with the Attorney General and Head of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Claudia Paz y Paz. These joint efforts include undertakings such as the investigation and disbanding of illegal security groups and clandestine security organizations and the adoption of public policies to eradicate impunity and prevent re-emergence. The latter also includes any necessary legal and institutional reforms. "We are happy with the results seen in highly complicated cases where the Public Prosecutor's Office has proven its interest and we have witnessed the constant efforts of its prosecutors," said Dall'Anese.