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The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Guatemala congratulates Mr. Iván Velásquez López on his appointment as the new CICIG Commissioner and wishes him every success in the position. He will bring valuable experience from his work in Colombia.

Mr. Velásquez arrives at an important time for CICIG in Guatemala. His predecessor, Mr. Dall'Anese, worked tirelessly with Guatemalan authorities to contribute to the fight against impunity and to deliver justice. However, challenges remain in order to eradicate impunity and thereby give Guatemalans the security they long for and deserve.

Germany is committed to providing CICIG financial and moral support, as it has done over recent years.

Germany also urges the Government of Guatemala to facilitate Mr. Velásquez and CICIG any necessary support. Considering the Commission has embarked upon the final two years of its mandate, it must develop a strong and sustained exit strategy to provide the Guatemalan authorities the skills, knowledge and resources to continue the good work.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Guatemala appreciates the consideration of this press release and requests its publication.