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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**  
**on the situation in Guatemala**

The European Union wishes to express its concern regarding the suspension of the peace negotiations in Guatemala following the regrettable involvement of ORPA member Rafael Augusto Valdizón Nuñez in the kidnapping of the Guatemalan citizen Olga de Novella.

The European Union reiterates its support for the peace process, and calls on the URNG to cooperate fully with the government in its efforts to create the conditions for a resumption of negotiations between the parties so that the pending agreements may be concluded as originally scheduled.

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