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Mr. Chairman, Madam High Commissioner, Distinguished Members of the Delegation of Guatemala!

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Guatemala for their useful presentation. This has enabled us to have a snapshot of the range of measures and efforts undertaken by the Government of Guatemala for the promotion and protection of human rights.

2. My delegation notes the fact that the National Human Rights Institution of Guatemala, viz. the Ombudsman, is amongst those national institutions accredited with the ICC that enjoy 'A' status. We would request the delegation of Guatemala to inform us of how the Office of the Ombudsman has functioned in the recent past and if the government has taken measures to further enhance its effectiveness.

3. My delegation also notes with interest that several institutions dealing with the rights of women have been established by the Government of Guatemala. These include the Presidential Secretariat for Women and the Office for the Defence of Indigenous Women's Rights. We shall be grateful for more information on the functioning of these bodies.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.