

SPECIAL DECLARATION ON GUATEMALA

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean thanked the President of Guatemala, Álvaro Colom, for the information he provided them at the Unity Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean on the results of the investigations of the Rosenberg affair conducted by the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), under the leadership of Dr. Carlos Castresana and encouraged him to move forward. The investigation absolved President Colom, his wife, and his private secretary of the groundless and irresponsible charges that were made against them and that caused anxiety and instability in the country.

In view of that, the Heads of State and Government at the Unity Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean expressed their satisfaction for the transparency of CICIG's investigation.

President Colom expressed his warmest appreciation to the Heads of State and Government for their support and solidarity they have offered at those difficult times. In turn, they welcomed the announcement made by the President of Guatemala that he would call for a national dialogue, with the participation of all sectors of society, to allow the governance of the country and the adoption of an amended tax code that would benefit the most vulnerable segments of the Guatemalan population.

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