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SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, ALFONSO PORTILLO, AND FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

HAVING HEARD the presentation of the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the Organization of American States regarding incidents that could destabilize the democratic constitutional order in Guatemala;

CONCERNED over recent acts of violence against public security;

CONSCIOUS of the commitment, that within the framework of the inter-American system, there is an obligation to permanently watch over the stability of member States' democratic institutions.

REAFFIRMING the principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization, and especially in Article 9, as well as resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91) "Representative Democracy", the Declaration of Santiago "Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System", the Declaration of Managua, and AG/RES. 1724 (XXX-O/00), "Strengthening Democracy: Special Fund".

RESOLVES:

- 1. To express support for the Constitutional Government of the President of Guatemala, Alfonso Portillo, and for the institutions of the rule of law.
- 2. To repudiate any incident which might alarm the population and destabilize the democratic government and constitutional order.
- 3. Exhort all public institutions to ratify their constitutional commitment to defend the legitimacy and effective exercise of the rule of law.
- 4. To instruct the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to keep closely in touch with the Constitutional Government of Guatemala and to report back to the Permanent Council as soon as possible on developments in that country, so that it may take appropriate action.