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## REPORT OF CANADIAN OBSERVERS TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE GUATEMALA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, released today the attached report of the Canadian Observers to the second round of the Presidential Elections in Guatemala held on December 8. The observer team was headed by Mr. Gordon Fairweather, Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission, and included Mr. Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer of Ontario and Mr. Louis Lavoie, Director of Operations, Elections Canada.

The Minister thanked the team for their efforts in both rounds of the election which have provided him with a balanced and objective assessment of the process. Mr. Clark said he was pleased that the elections had been conducted in a fair and open manner and expressed the hope that this would strengthen the institutions of democratic life in Guatemala.