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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Situation in Guatemala - Request by the Spanish Delegation for an AOB item

Delegations will find attached a note from the Spanish Delegation concerning the situation in Guatemala. The topic will be included as an “Any other business” item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 11 December 2023.

AOB item requested by Spain for the FAC (11 December 2023)

1. Recent actions by the Office of the Attorney General are but a further step in a trend of institutions working to undermine the democratic result of Guatemala's Presidential election.
 2. Spain considers that, in this crucial moment for Guatemala, international scrutiny of the peaceful and democratic transition process must be stepped up.
 3. Support by the EU can offer to the President elect will help to preserve democracy and the citizen's right to free elections.
 4. In the current context, action by the European Union, looking into all available options at its disposal, is crucial in order to safeguard the orderly transmission of power.
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