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**STATEMENT OF THE ABA CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE GUATEMALAN GENOCIDE TRIAL**

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The ABA Center for Human Rights is concerned about the recent suspension of the trial against former Guatemalan dictator, Rios Montt. The American Convention on Human Rights requires the investigation and prosecution of alleged human rights violations. Failure to resolve the latest issues concerning the suspension of the trial in a timely manner could jeopardize the right to an effective judicial remedy, in violation of Guatemala's treaty obligations. The Center therefore urges the Constitutional Court to resolve this matter as soon as possible and calls on all parties to respect the independence of the judiciary.<sup>1</sup>

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