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*Plenary sitting*

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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the attempt of coup d'Etat in Guatemala  
(2023/3031(RSP))

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on behalf of the PPE Group

**European Parliament resolution on the attempt of coup d'Etat in Guatemala (2023/3031(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Guatemala and in particular to its resolution of 14 September 2023 on Guatemala: the situation after the elections, the rule of law and judicial independence<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the statements by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) of 21 and 28 August 2023 on the presidential election in Guatemala and of 8 December 2023 on the latest developments in Guatemala,
  - having regard to the statement by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States of 8 December 2023 condemning the coup attempt in Guatemala,
  - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 28 August 2023 Guatemala's Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) announced the official results of peaceful and well organised elections, declaring Bernardo Arévalo and Karin Herrera from *Movimiento Semilla* as elected President and Vice-President of Guatemala;
  - B. whereas *Movimiento Semilla* has been subjected to selective and arbitrary legal and procedural actions by the *Ministerio Público*;
  - C. whereas on 8 December 2023, Guatemala's *Ministerio Público* stated that irregularities took place during the counting of votes and processing of the results by the TSE;
  - D. whereas in response to these statements, the TSE reaffirmed that the allegations do not alter the results showing Bernardo Arévalo to have won;
  - E. whereas the prosecutors also demanded that Bernardo Arévalo be stripped of his immunity;
  - F. whereas Bernardo Arévalo has rejected these allegations as an attempt by prosecutors to invalidate his election victory;
  - G. whereas the EU and other international partners have denounced these attempts to overturn the outcome of the elections, the steps taken to criminalise independent judicial operators and the instrumentalisation of judicial and prosecutorial institutions;
1. Rejects the continuous efforts of the *Ministerio Público* to nullify the results of Guatemala's general and presidential elections through unsubstantiated allegations of

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P9\_TA(2023)0322.

fraud and calls for these actions to cease immediately;

2. Calls on the competent authorities to respect the election results, as validated by the TSE, to ensure a smooth transition of the presidency to the incoming president Bernardo Arevalo on 14 January 2024, in line with Guatemalan citizens' wishes as expressed by their votes;
3. Rejects any attempts to prevent the elected authorities from taking office in accordance with their democratic mandate;
4. Recalls that respect for the judiciary's independence, political pluralism and freedom of expression are fundamental rights and pillars of democracy and the rule of law;
5. Calls on the European External Action Service, the Member States and the EU Delegation to Guatemala to continue monitoring the situation in Guatemala until there are clear and solid guarantees that the outcome of the 25 June 2023 general elections and the 20 August 2023 presidential run-off will be respected;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Organization of American States, the United Nations, the Guatemalan authorities and the Central American Parliament.