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• Chair of the Governing Board, Mr. Manuel Escudero,
• Director of the OECD Development Center, Mr. Mario Pezzini, and
• Distinguished delegates from the Development Centre, from the OECD
countries, international organizations and partner institutions, our warm
greetings from Guatemala.

We appreciate the OECD interest in supporting our recovery efforts during COVID-
19. We recognize the great job of the OECD on the implementation of policies
based on evidence and analysis, as well as the exchange of policy information on
how other countries have faced this pandemic.

We have launched our Economic Recovery Plan two weeks ago, based on:

➢ Economic Indicators reflecting the pandemic effects that led to the
  identification of vulnerable social and economic sectors;

➢ The main perceptions from leaders and representatives of several
  productive sectors; and

➢ The projects and activities that are being implemented by the public and
  private sector.

This Plan also considers policies implemented by our neighboring countries and
the principal trade partners.

The Guatemala´s Recovery Plan includes three main pillars:

➢ First, to recover and create new jobs, especially for youth and women.

➢ Second, to attract strategic investments, for instance: infrastructure
  projects to facilitate national and regional trade; and

➢ Third, to promote consumption of Guatemalan goods and services,
  stimulating local, regional, and international markets in a business
  environment.
Furthermore, this Plan includes transversal priorities focus on health and occupational safety, innovation, and sustainable development, respecting our cultural heritage.

Thank you again for this opportunity to share our National Recovery Plan, and coordinate new cooperation efforts in a short, medium and long term, building together a more resilient world economy, through national and regional policies and strategies.

Finally, I would like to congratulate in advance the OECD on their 60th anniversary.