

May 21, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The May 2009 murder of prominent Guatemalan lawyer Rodrigo Rosenberg and the release of a videotape he made prior to his death have plunged Guatemala into a deep political and institutional crisis. In the video recorded prior to his death, Rosenberg accused Guatemalan President Álvaro Colom and his wife of murder and corruption, prompting calls for Colom's resignation as well as popular demonstrations in his support. The current scandal has brought into sharp relief broader issues of corruption, impunity, and public insecurity in Guatemala. To discuss these important issues, we invite you to join us for the seminar:

Governance in Guatemala

Thursday, June 4, 2009

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5th Floor Conference Room

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

12:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Cynthia J. Arnson, Director, Latin American Program
Representative Peter Roskam (R), 6th District, Illinois

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

*Dr. Francisco Jiménez
Ana Garita*

Secretario Técnico, Consejo Nacional de Seguridad
Chief of Staff, Comisión Internacional Contra la
Impunidad en Guatemala (CICIG)

Ricardo Stein

Special Advisor to the Regional Coordinator of the United Nations
in Guatemala

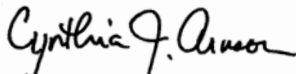
*Sylvia Gereda
Nery Rodenas*

Director, *El Periódico*
Executive Director, Office of Human Rights, Archdiocese of
Guatemala

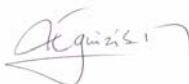
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Discussion

Please RSVP, acceptances only, to Nikki Nichols (nikki.nichols@wilsoncenter.org). We hope you will join us for this important event.

Sincerely,



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