



JOINT STATEMENT
on the conclusion of negotiations between the Republic of Guatemala
and
the EFTA States: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland

RECALLING the General Framework for the Negotiations of a Free Trade Agreement between Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama and the EFTA States agreed on 17 December 2011, which established the parameters for negotiations on the establishment of a Free Trade Zone between the Central American States and the EFTA States;

RECOGNIZING the complementarities of the economies of Guatemala and the EFTA States, and the significant potential to advance economic relationships by further developing trade and investment flows between them;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the EFTA-Central America FTA, signed on 24 June 2013 by the Central American States of Costa Rica and Panama and the EFTA States;

WELCOMING the conclusion of the negotiations between the EFTA States and Guatemala in a negotiating round held on 14-15 October 2014, in Guatemala City;

RECALLING the intention of the EFTA States and Guatemala to undertake all necessary efforts for timely accession of Guatemala to the EFTA-Central America FTA;

The representatives of the EFTA States and Guatemala:

- (1) take note of the Agreed Minutes of the concluding round, signed on 15 October 2014, in Guatemala City;
- (2) invite the Central American States of Costa Rica and Panama to work with the EFTA States and Guatemala in order to achieve the objective of a timely accession of Guatemala to the EFTA-Central America FTA; and
- (3) mandate their representatives to promptly work towards the finalising of all legal documents necessary to this effect.

Geneva, 17 November 2014