

# United States Senate

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His Excellency Bernardo Arévalo  
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Dear President Arévalo:

We write to strongly urge you to remain in the Geneva Consensus Declaration (GCD) coalition. As you are aware, the GCD is a coalition of thirty-six nations from every region of the world committed to promoting women's health, and supporting the intrinsic value of every life, strong and healthy families, and your own national sovereignty.

As you know, Guatemala serves as a regional leader for the GCD – giving Guatemala the unique opportunity to host pilot projects and other initiatives centered around expanding health for women and families, both in Guatemala and in the region. For example, the First Lady of Uganda, the GCD regional leader for Africa, recently partnered with the Institute for Women's Health for the global launch of the Protego Women's Optimal Health Framework, a high-level event attended by senior representatives of 8 other African countries to promote high impact, low cost strategies to improve health for women across Africa. Similar non-political leadership opportunities are available to GCD leaders.

Guatemala is a vibrant country with a young population and a myriad of indigenous people groups. Guatemala has enormous potential to equip the next generation to promote holistic women's health and flourishing and ensure family-strengthening and the GCD is a powerful mechanism to support these priorities.

The GCD's broad and diverse membership attests to the reality that its values transcend geographic bounds and are foundational to every society. As members of the United States Senate, we strongly encourage you to remain in the GCD to further build upon the progress Guatemala has made to strengthen its stature as a key partner to the United States.

We thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,



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