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Finland would like to thank the Government of Guatemala for providing information concerning adoptions in its national report. Finland appreciates the efforts made to protect the rights of the child but remains concerned that illegal and irregular international adoptions continue to be a significant human rights problem in Guatemala and that especially poor and indigenous families are extremely vulnerable in this regard.

A new law regulating adoptions, Decree 77-2007, was approved in 2007. At the end of 2010 the implementation of the Decree 77 was examined by the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG). CICIG published a report including several recommendations. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has recommended that the State party implement them, too.

Finland would like to ask the Government of Guatemala what measures are being taken to implement the recommendations of the CICIG. Finland recommends that Guatemala implement all the CICIG recommendations and ensure that adequate resources are available to strengthen the responsible institutions.