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IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Note by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights
at its thirty-ninth session

The Chairman wishes to inform the Commission of the following developments concerning the appointment of a Special Rapporteur to study the situation of human rights in Guatemala, in accordance with its resolution 1982/31 of 11 March 1982.

1. Following the publication of document E/CN.4/1983/43 which contains an account of the activities undertaken by the Chairman of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights in connection with the above-mentioned issue, the Chairman informed Mrs. Elisabeth Odio-Benito (Costa Rica), by cable, of the contents of the above-mentioned document.
2. On 1 March 1983, a cable was received from Mrs. Elisabeth Odio-Benito explaining that she did not feel able to accept an appointment as Special Rapporteur under resolution 1982/31 and that, in her opinion, another person should be sought to serve as Special Rapporteur.