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Preface

The attached report on Guatemala's Social Investment Strategy, to be submitted to the Consultative Group Meeting to be held in Paris on March 16 and 17, 1989, was prepared jointly by a working group of the Government of Guatemala and a World Bank/UNDP Mission which visited Guatemala in late January and early February 1989. The representatives, staff and consultants of UNDP, other United Nations Agencies, the IDB, USAID, other bilateral donors as well as NGOs, Government Ministries and decentralized institutions played a very important role in this combined effort by giving generously of their time and advice, sharing their practical experience and putting a great deal of valuable information at the group's disposal. This assistance was greatly appreciated and is gratefully acknowledged.

The Government of Guatemala considers the Social Investment Strategy, outlined in the report, and the proposed Social Investment Fund to be important parts of its efforts to construct a more integrated, participative, pluralistic society that displays greater social solidarity. The Government is committed to carry out the proposed program and believes that it merits the full support of the donor community.

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