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The little Central America republic of Guatemala, the world's only nation to overthrow an entrenched Communist regime with a democracy, today in the United Nations strongly supported the 36 nation resolution to condemn the Soviet intervention in Hungary.

Addressing the General Assembly, Jorge Skinner Klee, Foreign Minister of Guatemala, appealed to the member States to comply faithfully with the principles of international conduct and accept categorically international responsibility as a guarantee of the peace and well-being of all peoples of the world.

"We understand the political realities which still make limited and imperfect the systematic conduct of international life, but we also are deeply convinced that the value of the principles on which this conduct is based will prevail in the long run", Mr. Skinner explained. "With this hope and conviction", he continued, "the just solution of the Hungarian question, for which we all long, will in the end be found".

In outlining the position of the Government of Guatemala, Mr. Skinner stated, "Neither the Government nor the people of Guatemala --- as was the case with all the peoples of the world --- had the slightest doubts about what was actually happening in Hungary. These facts are of such notoriety and extraordinary magnitude that they carry in themselves the truth as to their nature and the certainty of their meaning. The United Nations voted on that basis", Mr. Skinner explained, "and adopted by an overwhelming majority the resolutions of the Second Emergency Session and of the first part of this

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General Assembly. Also, on the basis of truth and justice, the United Nations condemned Russia for its armed intervention against Hungary in the historic resolution of 12 December 1956."

Discussing the resolution at hand, which Guatemala has co-sponsored and "which expresses faithfully the thinking and the will of the free nations of the world", the Foreign Minister stated, "we are convinced that this same will --- which is ours also --- seeks expression in a more efficient form proportionate to the enormity of the events, but we understand the fact that the sanction now proposed had inevitably to adjust itself within the framework of the maximum possibilities permitted in international life. This clear and precise sanction exceeds the strictly juridical field and has ethical bonds", Mr. Skinner stated.

"Thus without disturbing the international community, but reinforcing it with the clear expression of the moral force of the free peoples, it conveys the feeling of mankind, which has taken the suffering and anguish of the Hungarian people to itself. The conclusions of the draft resolution, the condemnation reiterated in it and the practical steps assigned to Prince Wan Waithayakon have the moral force expected of this Assembly and the practical character of a measure which, within its well known limitations, the United Nations can take", Foreign Minister Skinner said.