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During a sixth round in the framework of free trade negotiations with Central American States held from 12 to 15 February 2013 in Geneva, the EFTA States focused on outstanding issues with Guatemala.

The EFTA-Central America negotiations were launched in February 2012 and substantially concluded, after five rounds, with Costa Rica and Panama in December. During the sixth round, the EFTA States and Guatemala made further progress in the areas of trade in goods and services, narrowing down the scope of outstanding issues between the two sides.

The spokespersons in this round were, for EFTA, Mr Martin Zbinden, Minister and Head of the Free Trade Agreements/EFTA Division in the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs and, for Guatemala, Vice Minister Maria Luisa Flores.



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