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Ruling party private exit polling shows Laura Chinchilla ahead with 44 percent. Two opponents in the 20s. If that holds (she has to get over 40 percent to avoid a runoff), we will have our fifth elected woman president in recent Latin American history. Chinchilla is same party as Arias. Will keep you posted. ck