

**BELIZE**

**No. 9/1/13**

**SENATE**

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**10:12 A.M.**

Pursuant to the direction of Mr. President, in writing, dated 22<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at 10:12 A.M.

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Members Present:

Senator, the Honourable Lee Mark Chang – President  
Senator, the Honourable Godwin Hulse – Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration  
Senator, the Honourable Dr. Carla Barnett – Vice-President and Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance  
Senator, the Honourable Vanessa Retreage – Attorney General and Minister of Natural Resources  
Senator, the Honourable Macario Coy Sr.  
Senator, the Honourable Stephen Duncan  
Senator, the Honourable Francine Burns – Temporary  
Senator, the Honourable Eamon Courtenay  
Senator, the Honourable Tanya Santos – Temporary  
Senator, the Honourable Paul Thompson  
Senator, the Honourable Markhelm Lizarraga  
Senator, the Honourable Rev. Ashley Rocke  
Senator, the Honourable Elena Smith

Members Absent:

Senator, the Honourable Aldo Salazar  
Senator, the Honourable Valerie Woods

MR. PRESIDENT *in the Chair*.

PRAYERS *by Rev. Ashley Rocke*.

#### **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR**

The Clerk administered the Oath, in accordance with section 65 of the Belize Constitution, to the temporary Senators, the Honourable Francine Burns and the Honourable Tanya Santos.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President made the following announcement:-

“Honourable Members, the Senate received a memorandum from our Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The subject is ‘Mexico-Point of Agreement Adopted by the Mexican Senate’, where the Point of Agreement reads: ‘The Senate welcomes the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States of Mexico and Belize, and hopes that cooperation between the two countries will translate into development for their respective peoples.’ Our Honourable Senate congratulates the two countries for its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.”

Senator Eamon Courtenay was granted leave to make a short remark in reference to the passing away of former President of Cuba, Mr. Fidel Castro.

## MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

Question put and agreed to.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

### A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### I MOTIONS

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the United Nations Convention against Corruption Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Convention against Corruption (“the Convention”) was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 58/4, and in accordance with article 68 thereof, entered into force on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Convention having the purposes -

- (a) to promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption more efficiently and effectively;

(b) to promote, facilitate and support international cooperation and technical assistance in the prevention of and fight against corruption, including in asset recovery; and  
 (c) to promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property,  
 has introduced a new fundamental principle, as well as a framework for stronger cooperation between States to prevent and detect corruption, by, among other things, introducing a comprehensive set of standards, measures and rules that all countries can apply in order to strengthen their legal and regulatory regimes to fight corruption;

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize has been a long-standing State Party to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as well as to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, and the Government recognizes that implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption will build on the existing frameworks in Belize for the promotion of integrity in public life and prevention of illicit profit from corrupt practice, and further promote the commitment of Belize to inter-State cooperation in the fight against crime and corruption, and ensuring the recovery of the proceeds thereof;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize considers it prudent to now become a State Party to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and, it being already in force, is desirous of acceding to the Convention, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 67 of the Convention;

**AND WHEREAS**, paragraph (a) of section 61(A) (2) of the Constitution of Belize provides that the Senate shall authorize the ratification (including adhesion or accession) of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

(Suspension of the debate on the Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the United Nations Convention against Corruption Motion, 2016.)

In accordance with Standing Order 10 (8), the Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the proceedings on the matter on the Order Paper be entered upon and proceeded with at the sitting at any hour though opposed.

Question put and agreed to.

(Resumption and continuation of the debate on the Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the United Nations Convention against Corruption Motion, 2016.)

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Framework Agreement between the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Government of Belize for the Deepening of Bilateral Cooperation Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, the Framework Agreement between the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Government of Belize for the Deepening of Bilateral Cooperation (hereafter called “ the Agreement”) was signed on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to provide a legal framework to encourage co-operation in *inter alia*, trade, investment, tourism, energy, marine affairs, education, agriculture, and any other area of mutual interest;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008) provides that the Senate shall authorize the ratification to any agreement by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

3. **Resolution Authorizing Ratification by Belize to the Special Agreement between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice Motion, 2016.**

4. **Resolution Authorizing Ratification by Belize to the Protocol to the Special Agreement between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, the Special Agreement Between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime

Claim to the International Court of Justice (hereafter called “the Agreement”) was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is *inter alia*, to submit to the International Court of Justice, subject to the consent of the people through the conduct of a referendum, any and all legal claims of Guatemala against Belize to land and insular territories and to any maritime areas pertaining to these territories, to declare the rights therein of both Parties, and to determine the boundaries between their respective territories and areas;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008) provides that the Senate shall authorize the ratification to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

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**WHEREAS**, the Protocol to the Special Agreement Between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice (hereafter called “ the Protocol”) was signed on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Protocol is to amend Article 7.2 of the Special Agreement Between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice, to allow that the referendum be held simultaneously or separately on the dates most convenient to the Parties;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Protocol pursuant to Article 4 of the Protocol;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008) provides that the Senate shall authorize the ratification to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Protocol, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

After the debate thereon, Motions were referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

5. **Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the Motion be deferred.

Question put and agreed to.

6. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement Between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Belize on the Mutual Exemption of Diplomatic Passport Holders from Short-Stay Visa Requirements Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the Motion be deferred.

Question put and agreed to.

7. **Appointment of Mrs. Marilyn Williams as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act further provides that in the process of consultation with the Leader of the Opposition for the appointment of the Chairperson, the Prime Minister shall use

his best endeavours to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Mrs. **MARILYN WILLIAMS**, Attorney-at-Law, as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Mrs. **MARILYN WILLIAMS** is a person of integrity and high national standing and is duly qualified to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Mrs. **MARILYN WILLIAMS**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve her appointment as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**8. Appointment of Ms. Armead C. Gabourel as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission, which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime

Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Ms. **ARMEAD C. GABOUREL** as a member of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Ms. **ARMEAD C. GABOUREL** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Ms. **ARMEAD C. GABOUREL**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve her appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

9. **Appointment of Ms. Lisbeth Delgado as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Ms. **LISBETH DELGADO** as a member of the Integrity Commission;



**AND WHEREAS**, Ms. **LISBETH DELGADO** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Ms. **LISBETH DELGADO**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve her appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**10. Appointment of Mr. Wilmot Simmons as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Mr. **WILMOT SIMMONS** as a member of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Mr. **WILMOT SIMMONS** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Mr. **WILMOT**

**SIMMONS**, and being satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve his appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**11. Appointment of Mr. Nestor Vasquez as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(3) of the Act provides that at least one member of the Integrity Commission shall be a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Belize;

**AND WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor General to appoint Mr. **NESTOR VASQUEZ**, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Belize, as a member of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Mr. **NESTOR VASQUEZ** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Mr. **NESTOR VASQUEZ**, and being satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to

be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve his appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**12. Appointment of Ms. Melissa Balderamos Mahler as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, with the **concurrence** of the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor General to appoint Ms. **MELISSA BALDERAMOS MAHLER** as a member of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Ms. **MELISSA BALDERAMOS MAHLER** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Ms. **MELISSA BALDERAMOS MAHLER**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve her appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

13. **Appointment of Mrs. Claudet Grinage as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved:-

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

**AND WHEREAS**, with the **concurrence** of the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Mrs. **CLAUDET GRINAGE** as a member of the Integrity Commission;

**AND WHEREAS**, Mrs. **CLAUDET GRINAGE** is a person of integrity and high national standing;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Mrs. **CLAUDET GRINAGE**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as a member of the Integrity Commission, hereby approves her appointment, as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

## II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 68A, the Senate, without question put, resolved itself into the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee, a Committee of the whole Senate, to consider the Motions referred to it.

(In the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the United Nations Convention against Corruption Motion, 2016.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Framework Agreement between the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Government of Belize for the Deepening of Bilateral Cooperation Motion, 2016.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

3. **Resolution Authorizing Ratification by Belize to the Special Agreement between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice Motion, 2016.**
4. **Resolution Authorizing Ratification by Belize to the Protocol to the Special Agreement between Belize and Guatemala to Submit Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim to the International Court of Justice Motion, 2016.**

Motions were held back in Committee for further consideration.

5. **Appointment of Mrs. Marilyn Williams as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

6. **Appointment of Ms. Armead C. Gabourel as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**
7. **Appointment of Ms. Lisbeth Delgado as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**
8. **Appointment of Mr. Wilmot Simmons as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**
9. **Appointment of Mr. Nestor Vasquez as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**
10. **Appointment of Ms. Melissa Balderamos Mahler as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

11. **Appointment of Mrs. Claudet Grinage as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

Motions in their entirety agreed to.

Motions to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**III MOTIONS**

**(Adoption of Motions)**

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the United Nations Convention against Corruption Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Framework Agreement between the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Government of Belize for the Deepening of Bilateral Cooperation Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

3. **Appointment of Mrs. Marilyn Williams as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

4. **Appointment of Ms. Armead C. Gabourel as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

5. **Appointment of Ms. Lisbeth Delgado as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

6. **Appointment of Mr. Wilmot Simmons as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

7. **Appointment of Mr. Nestor Vasquez as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

8. **Appointment of Ms. Melissa Balderamos Mahler as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**
9. **Appointment of Mrs. Claudet Grinage as a Member of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2016.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motions and has agreed for them to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the Senate be adjourned.

After a short intervention by Senator Tanya Santos, question was put and agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 3:15 P.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

#### **PRESIDENT**

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