

BELIZE

No.31/1/13

SENATE

Wednesday, 26th June 2019

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Election of President.**
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- 5. Bills brought from the House of Representatives.**

- 1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2019.*
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A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice Papers attached)*

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Multilateral Air Services Agreement Motion, 2019.
2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty on Basic Relations Between Belize and the Russian Federation Motion, 2019.
3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Status of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Forces in Belize and Defence Cooperation Motion, 2019.

4. Inter-American Development Bank Multilateral Investment Fund III Motion, 2019.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration Services and Refugees)

BILLS FOR SECOND READING

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BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Multilateral Air Services Agreement Motion, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Government of Belize signed the Multilateral Air Services Agreement in Port-au-Prince, Haiti at the 29th Intersessional Meeting of the Conference of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community held from 26-27 February 2018;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the aforementioned Agreement is to: establish a single market for air transport services within the Community in furtherance of the undertaking of Member States under paragraph 1 of Article 33 and paragraph 1 of Article 37 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to remove barriers to the right of establishment of Community nationals and the right of Community nationals to provide services within the Community; promote the adoption of uniform standards and recommended practices for the provision of air transport services within the Community; ensure uniformity in licensing and certification of aviation personnel within the Community; and ensure that the provision of international air transport services in the Community is undertaken by financially viable and technically qualified air carriers;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with its Article 29, the Agreement shall enter into force in accordance with Article 31 of the Multilateral Air Services Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(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 Multilateral Air Services Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty on Basic Relations Between Belize and the Russian Federation Motion, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Treaty on Basic Relations between Belize and the Russian Federation (hereafter “the Treaty”) was signed on 25 September 2018 in New York;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Treaty is to serve as a framework for cooperation and dialogue between Belize and Russia within the framework of multilateral institutions and at the bilateral level;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Treaty pursuant to Article 11 of the Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(2)(b) 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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify Treaty on Basic Relations between Belize and the Russian Federation, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Status of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Forces in Belize and Defence Cooperation Motion, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Status of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Forces in Belize and Defence Cooperation (hereafter “the Treaty”) was signed on 19 September 2018, in Belize City;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Treaty is to define the terms and conditions governing the deployment of British troops within the borders of Belize for operations, training and humanitarian support;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Treaty pursuant to Article 15 of the Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(2)(b) 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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify Treaty between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Status of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Forces in Belize and Defence Cooperation, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

4. Inter-American Development Bank Multilateral Investment Fund III Motion, 2019.

WHEREAS, Belize is a member of the Inter-American Development Bank (the “Bank”);

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of its membership, Belize has the right to benefit from the Bank’s Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) which was established for the purpose of supporting economic growth and poverty reduction in its member countries;

AND WHEREAS, there has been the successful establishment and implementation of MIF I, which was later replaced with MIF II, which is currently ongoing;

AND WHEREAS, the member countries of the Bank, in an effort to ensure the continuation of the MIF’s activities and provide for an enhanced MIF II, have agreed to the establishment

of a third Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF III) in the total sum of US \$317.2 million to ensure the continuation of the activities of MIF II;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Bank on 2nd April 2017, adopted Resolution MIF/DE-13-7 which approved the replenishment of the Multilateral Investment Fund, the MIF III, of US \$317.2 million, which will now replace MIF II and govern all assets and liabilities of MIF II;

AND WHEREAS, as per the norm, this replenishment of the MIF will be made up of contribution commitments by donor member countries of the Bank to continue activities during the period 2019-2023 under a renewed mandate, guiding principles and strategic framework;

AND WHEREAS, Belize’s contribution to MIF III amounts to US \$1,000,000.00 which will be paid in three equal annual installments of US \$333,333.33, of which the first installment is now due and payable;

AND WHEREAS, there is no specific provision in the International Financial Organizations Act, Chapter 265 of the Laws of Belize, or any other law to enable the Minister of Finance to make such contributions;

AND WHEREAS, consequently, the Government of Belize is desirous of obtaining the approval of the National Assembly by way of a resolution before making such contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House being satisfied that the above-mentioned contributions to MIF III would be beneficial to the interests of Belize, authorizes the Minister of Finance to sign an Instrument of Contribution and all other documents associated therewith.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration Services and Refugees)

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