

BELIZE

No.3/1/14

SENATE

Thursday, 28th January 2021

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

14. Public Business.

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela on Trade and Investment Motion, 2021.
2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Colombia and its Protocol Motion, 2021.
3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement Establishing the Free Trade Area Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic and its Protocol Motion, 2021.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration)

II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

M O T I O N S

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela on Trade and Investment Motion, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Agreement between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela on Trade and Investment (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) which was signed on 13th October 1992, in Caracas, Venezuela;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement is to strengthen the economic and trade relations between the Parties through the promotion and expansion of the sale of goods originating in CARICOM through, inter-alia, one-way, duty-free access to the Venezuelan market; the stimulation of investments aimed at taking advantage of the markets of the Parties and strengthening their competitiveness in world trade; the facilitation of the creation and operation of regional joint ventures; and the encouragement of mechanisms for the promotion and protection of investments by nationals of the Parties;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement pursuant to Article 23 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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela on Trade and Investment, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Colombia and its Protocol Motion, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Colombia (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) which was signed on 24th July 1994, in Cartagena, Colombia and its Protocol which was signed on 21st May 1998, in Georgetown, Guyana;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement and its Protocol is to strengthen the trade and economic relations and technical cooperation between the Parties through the promotion and expansion of the sale of goods originating in CARICOM and Colombia with particular emphasis on exports from CARICOM States in the early stages of the implementation of this Agreement; the promotion and protection of investments aimed at taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the markets of the Parties and strengthening their competitiveness in the international market; the facilitation of the creation and operation of regional joint ventures; the development of technical and scientific cooperation activities which may be agreed upon between the Parties; and the promotion of private sector activities, including business exchanges between the Parties;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement and its Protocol pursuant to Article 26 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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Colombia and its Protocol, a full text of which are hereto annexed.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement Establishing the Free Trade Area Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic and its Protocol Motion, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Agreement Establishing the Free Trade Area between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) which was signed on 22nd August 1998, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and its Protocol which was signed on 28th April 2000;

AND WHEREAS, the objectives of the Agreement and its Protocol are the establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Parties; the promotion and expansion of the sale of goods originating in the territories of the Parties through, inter-alia, free access to the markets of the Parties, elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade, and the establishment of a system of rules of Origin, Customs Cooperation, and the Harmonization of Technical, Sanitary, and Phyto-Sanitary Procedures; the progressive liberalization of trade in services; the liberalization of the movement of capital between the Parties and the promotion and protection of investments; the promotion of the active participation of private economic agents, including the promotion and establishment of joint ventures; the promotion and development of cooperative activities in agriculture, mining, industry, construction, tourism, transportation, telecommunications, banking, insurance, capital markets, professional services, and science and technology; and the

discouragement of anti-competitive business practices between and within the Parties;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement and its Protocol pursuant to Article 22 of the Agreement and Article XI 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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement Establishing the Free Trade Area between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic and its Protocol, a full text of which are hereto annexed.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration)