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Youth Parliamentarians Meet with Speaker and other Members of the National Assembly

— **18th October 2022**— The National Assembly of Belize, in collaboration with National Commission for Families and Children (NCFC), the Office of the Special Envoy for Women and Children, and UNICEF, will be hosting the 3rd annual National Children's Parliament on 11th November 2022.

At yesterday's special House meeting, as part of the activities leading up to the event, four of the youth parliamentarians along with representatives of the NCFC were in attendance to observe the proceedings. The youth parliamentarians in attendance were Hon. Asher Torres, who will represent the Leader of Government Business in the Senate, Hon. Tomas Serrut, who will represent Orange Walk Central, Hon. Heather Leigh Stewart who will represent Orange Walk East, and Hon. Jadah Wilthshire, who will represent Belize Rural South. They were accompanied by Ms. Franisha Augustine, Ms. Shakira Sutherland, and Mrs. Elena Del Cid.

During their visit, the youth parliamentarians also had the opportunity to visit and meet with Speaker Valerie Woods for a brief overview of the role of Speaker and the work of parliament. The youth parliamentarians were also able to meet Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister, Hon. Shyne Barrow, Leader of the Opposition, and other members of parliament.

In the coming weeks, the NCFC will be coordinating meetings for the participating youths to meet their respective members of parliament.

The National Assembly looks forward to another successful youth parliament on 11th November 2022 and the continued support of this initiative.

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