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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 of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement (CTA) Motion, 2022.
2. Resolution Authorizing the Accession of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (SPRFMO) Motion, 2022.

(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 of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement (CTA) Motion, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels was adopted in 1977, and later amended by the 1993 Protocol and the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, the Convention was the first international convention to establish clear requirements for the safety of fishing vessels, recognizing the significant differences in design and operations between these vessels and standards established for other types of ships;

AND WHEREAS, the Convention was later modified by the Cape Town Agreement of 2012;

AND WHEREAS, the 2012 Cape Town Agreement will finally establish an International Maritime Organization (IMO) mandatory instrument for fishing vessels, providing consolidated/unified standards on design, construction, and equipment of fishing vessel, including regulations designed to protect the safety of crews and observers and provide a level playing field for the industry; the Agreement will also contribute to the battle against Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, the ratification of the Agreement will permit Belize to further demonstrate its commitment to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the maritime industry by promoting consolidated higher safety standards for fishing vessels, more robust qualifications for personnel, better living conditions for crews and a Port State Control Inspection Program; the Agreement will also strengthen the combat against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities;

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 accession 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.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Accession of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (SPRFMO) Motion, 2022.**

WHEREAS, in 2006, Australia, Chile and New Zealand initiated a series of consultations in response to a regulatory gap that existed in the South Pacific Ocean for the international conservation and management of non-highly migratory fisheries and protection of biodiversity in the marine environment;

AND WHEREAS, as a result of these consultations, it was agreed to establish the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO) with the ongoing responsibility for this task;

AND WHEREAS, the SPRFMO Convention entered into force on 24th August 2012;

AND WHEREAS, Belize has since developed the necessary regulatory and institutional framework to ensure the proper management and control of all its fishing vessels in all areas where fishing possibilities exist, including the South Pacific Ocean;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the SPRFMO Convention to gain full membership Status;

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 accession to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

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

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

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