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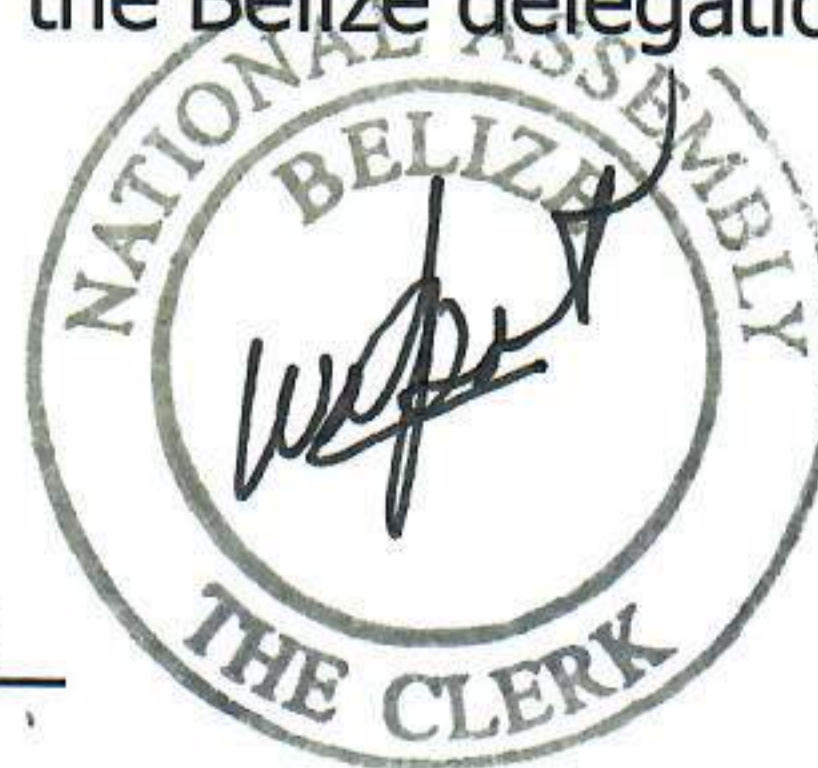
#### **National Assembly Represented at CPA UK 71st Westminster Seminar on Effective Parliaments in London, United Kingdom**

**—14<sup>th</sup> March 2023—** The Honourable Gilroy Usher, Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Logistics, and Senator, the Honourable Beverly Williams, comprise the Belize parliamentary delegation attending the 71st Westminster Seminar on Effective Parliaments, being held at the UK Parliament. The Seminar started yesterday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, and is scheduled to end on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

As CPA UK's flagship event, this year's seminar is hosting over 70 delegates from every region in the Commonwealth. The Seminar has been designed to provide a space for Members of parliament and other parliamentary officials to gather and discuss Commonwealth parliamentary systems, leadership and accountability, and legislation and scrutiny.

Throughout the week, Members will have an opportunity to explore topics such as power and privilege, representation and diversity, and their places within parliament - both in-person and in the digital space. Delegates will receive training in communication and stakeholder engagement. There will also be a practical Committee Hearing exercise, and the opportunity to appreciate the wider UK parliamentary system through constituency visits and Prime Minister's Question.

The Seminar will conclude with all delegates attending a Commonwealth Service at the Westminster Abbey, in the presence of the new Head of the Commonwealth, His Majesty King Charles III. Travel cost for the Belize delegation was partially met by the CPA.



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