

Government of The Republic of China (Taiwan) - Amendment No. 1 to Loan Agreement No. 6020236006 Loan Amendment Motion, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Government of Belize, through its bi-lateral program of economic cooperation and development with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), requested and received financial support in 2006, from the Government of that country, for general commercial use;

AND WHEREAS, such financial support was in the form of a long-term, low-interest Loan in the principal amount of Twenty-Five Million United States Dollars (US\$25,000,000) for which a Loan Agreement was signed on 20th January 2006, between the Government of Belize and the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (as the Lender);

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize has drawn down the whole amount of the Commitment during the Commitment Period;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize, as of 27th January 2021, has repaid the principal of the Loan in an aggregate amount of US\$17,647,080, leaving an unpaid balance of principal in an aggregate amount of US\$7,352,920;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is now desirous of suspending the principal repayment of the Loan for a period of two and a half (2.5) years as from 27th July 2021 through 27th July 2023, and nevertheless is willing to continue to pay the interest during such period as according to the Loan Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) is willing to accept the Government of Belize's request for a payment suspension under the terms and conditions of an Amendment No. 1 to the Loan Agreement as follows:

Lender:	Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan);
Remaining Loan Balance Principal Amount:	US\$7,352,920;
Repayment Suspension Period:	2.5 years: from 27 th July 2021 through 27 th July 2023;
Repayment Terms:	Ten (10) consecutive, semi-annual principal installments comprising of nine (9) installments of US\$735,295 and one (1) installment of US\$735,265, payable 27 th January and 27 th July of each year, commencing on 27 th January 2024 and ending 27 th July 2028;

Interest Payments: Shall continue and shall not be affected;

Interest Rate: LIBOR plus one percent (1%) per annum;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is required to obtain the prior authorization of the National Assembly, by way of a Resolution, for such Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that this Amendment is in the best interest of the country of Belize, approves and confirms that the Government of Belize may enter into Amendment No. 1 to Loan Agreement No. 6020236006 with the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan Amendment Agreement and all other documents and agreements connected therewith.