Resolution Authorizing the Accession to the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement "Pact of Bogota" Motion, 2022.

WHEREAS, the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement "PACT OF BOGOTA" (hereinafter referred to as "the Pact") was adopted on the 30th of April 1948, at the Ninth International Conference of American States, and entered into force on 6th May 1949;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Pact is to, inter alia, refrain from the threat, use of force, or any other means of coercion for the settlement of controversies, and to have recourse at all times to pacific procedures; and to settle international controversies by regional procedures before referring them to the Security Council of the United Nations by the procedures and in the manner and under the conditions provided for in said Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, the Pact has been utilized by parties thereto for the pacific settlement of disputes between them by invoking the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize considers it prudent to accede to the Pact;

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, including adhesion or accession, to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

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