

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.