

Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean Motion, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) was adopted in Escazú, Costa Rica on 4th March 2018, and entered into force on 22nd April 2021;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement seeks to guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters, and the creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation, contributing to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations, to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement, pursuant to Article 21 of the Agreement;

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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, a full text pf which is hereto annexed.