

**Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the Agreement
Establishing the Caribbean Customs Organization and on Mutual
Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters Motion, 2023.**

WHEREAS, the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Customs Organization and on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) was adopted in Havana, Cuba on 22nd May 2019, by the 41st Annual Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC) Conference;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of this Agreement is to achieve a balance between law enforcement, security, and trade facilitation requirements by focusing on high-risk goods to meet the needs of governments for the protection of society and revenue as well as to ensure the least possible customs interference with logistics of legitimate trade flows;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Agreement pursuant to article 60 of the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Senate has the power to authorize the ratification, including adhesion or accession, of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Customs Organization and on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, a full text of which is hereto annexed.