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PRESS RELEASE

Children Parliamentarians Meet with Members of the Senate

—**Thursday, 26th October 2023**— In preparing for the upcoming 4th Annual National Children's Parliament scheduled to take place on Friday, 10th November 2023. The Children Parliamentarians representing the Senate were invited to observe the Special Sitting of the Senate. They received first-hand experience and insight into what they would carry out in their presentations. In addition to viewing the Sitting, they were afforded a meet and greet and a photo op session with the Parliamentarian they will represent.

The Honourable Carolyn Trench-Sandiford, President of the Senate announced and introduced the young Parliamentarians present in the Galleries:

- **Emerson Tzalam** representing Senator Carolyn Trench-Sandiford, the President of the Senate;
- **Hon. Senator Sole Meighan** representing Senator Eamon Courtenay, the Leader of Government Business, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration;
- **Hon. Senator Karleen Tun** representing Senator Collet Montejo;
- **Hon. Senator Fernanda Castillo** representing Senator Isabel Bennett-Moody;
- **Hon. Senator Richard Martinez** representing Senator Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance Economic Development and Investment;
- **Hon. Senator Jinae Riverol** representing Senator Erica Jang;
- **Hon. Senator Lissany Castillo** representing Senator Bevintion Cal;
- **Hon. Senator Hemang Phillip Punjabi** representing Senator Michael Peyrefitte;
- **Hon. Senator Jaira Sebastian** representing Senator Beverly Williams;
- **Hon. Senator Brandon Yzaguirres** representing Senator Antonio Herrera;
- **Hon. Senator Brianna Orosco** representing Senator Kevin Herrera;
- **Hon. Senator Miguel Pech** representing Senator Elena Smith;
- **Hon. Senator Claire Alamilla** representing Senator Bishop Alvin Benguch; and
- **Hon. Senator Klerysa Heredia** representing Senator Janelle Chanona.

The National Commission of Families and Children (NCFC), the Office of the Special Envoy for Women and Children, UNICEF, and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology, and the National Assembly of Belize look forward to yet another successful Children's Parliament.

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