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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Senate Special Select Committee hereby informs the public that its Seventh Public Hearing, into the Portico "Definative Agreement", scheduled for Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9:30 A.M. is postponed.

The Committee was expecting the attendance of former Government Minister Erwin Contreras. Mr. Contreras has subsequently indicated he does not wish to attend.

The Committee is most disappointed at this information as Mr. Contreras has already admitted that he signed the "Definative Agreement", which committed the Government and the people of Belize to grant Portico financial concessions worth hundreds of millions of dollars for 30 years. Mr. Contreras is the only person and former Government Minister who can explain why he signed the Agreement.

The Committee hereby reaches out to Mr. Erwin Contreras to reconsider his decision bearing in mind he is being respectfully invited to attend.

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