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### Public Consultation on the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025 –

#### Swift Hall, Belize City

-Today, **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**, the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee convened a Public Consultation, gathering feedback on the **Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025**. The session began at **10:09 A.M.** drawing participation from citizens of Belize City.

The consultation is part of the committee's ongoing efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and public engagement in Belize's legislative reform process. The Thirteenth (Amendment) Bill proposes significant changes to the Constitution of Belize, and the Committee recognizes the importance of ensuring that such amendments are considered through inclusive dialogue and public discourse.

Members of the committee who were present at today's consultation were Honourable Francis Fonseca, Honourable Henry Charles Usher, Honourable Kareem Musa, Honourable Marconi Leal Jr. and Honourable Godwin Haylock.

During the opening remarks, of the informational sessions, the interim Chairperson, Honourable Francis Fonseca welcomed all attendees to the Public Consultation and introduced the Attorney General Mr. Anthony Sylvestre, Mr. Randall Sheppard, Assistant Solicitor General, Legislative Drafting Unit, Attorney General's Ministry, who proceeded to present an overview of the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025. Following this presentation, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Bart Jones and Assistant Superintendent Ms. Stacy Smith of the Belize Police Department, along with Mr. Andrew Dawson, Director of the Leadership Intervention Unit who also delivered presentations. These sessions, held throughout both the morning and afternoon, laid the groundwork for the fervent discourse surrounding the merits of the proposed legislation.

The consultation culminated in an open forum, where members of the public shared their views, and raised concerns directly to the Committee. The consultation concluded at **4:20 p.m.**, rounding out a day of robust civic engagement.

The National Assembly encourages all citizens to stay informed and get involved in constitutional matters for the greater benefit of the country. Updates related to the Belize Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 2025 will continue to be made available on the National Assembly's official website: [www.nationalassembly.gov.bz](http://www.nationalassembly.gov.bz)

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