

**BELIZE**

**No.4/1/15**

## **SENATE**

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**9:00 A.M.**

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**1. Prayers.**

**2. Oath of Allegiance of a new Senator.**

**3. Announcements by the President.**

**6. Papers.**

No. 2/1/15 - Central Bank of Belize - Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year 2024.

No. 3/1/15 - Central Bank of Belize - Revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2025.

No. 4/1/15 - Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government – Submission of International Labour Standards adopted by the International Labour Conference at twenty-four (24) sessions held between 1990 to 2025.

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**13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the Senate.**

**14. Public Business.**

#### **A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

##### **I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice Papers attached)***

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Advisory Centre on World Trade Organization Law (ACWL) Motion, 2025.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) Motion, 2025.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Accession of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Motion, 2025.

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#### **II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS**

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### **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

#### **MOTIONS**

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Advisory Centre on World Trade Organization Law (ACWL) Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, noting that the Agreement the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL) was established in 2001;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL), as an independent intergovernmental organization is to support and provide legal training, support and advice on WTO law, dispute settlement procedures to developing countries, in particular to the least developed among them, and to countries with economies in transition, among other functions;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Agreement pursuant to Article 16;

**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 accession of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Agreement establishing the Advisory Centre (ACWL) on WTO Law, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize became a member of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), by signing the Treaty of Tlatelolco on February 14, 1992;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Convention is to provide for the necessary legal capacities and protections of the respective agencies, to perform their official duties and fulfillment of their mission;

**AND WHEREAS**, these provisions in general are in accordance with the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act and are in alignment with privileges and immunities afforded to similar international agencies/entities in Belize;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to this Convention pursuant to Article 8;

**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 accession of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), a copy of which is hereto annexed.

**3. Resolution Authorizing the Accession of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize became a member of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), having acceded to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on August 13, 1983;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Protocol is to provide for the necessary legal capacities and protections of the respective agencies, to perform their official duties and fulfillment of their mission;

**AND WHEREAS**, these provisions in general are in accordance with the Diplomatic Privileges and Consular Conventions Act and are in alignment with privileges and immunities afforded to similar international agencies/entities in Belize;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Protocol pursuant to Article 17;

**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 accession of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), a copy of which is hereto annexed.

*(Leader of Government Business)*

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