

**Resolution Authorizing Request for Affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Motion, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Parliamentary Union was established in 1889 and is the international organization of the Parliaments of sovereign States;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Inter-Parliamentary Union facilitates diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly of Belize subscribes to the noble values advocated by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and to its work for the promotion of peace and security, democracy and human rights, the rule of law and sustainable development;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly of Belize recognizes that the existence of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as the global organization of national parliaments, clearly attests to the willingness of nations to build strong ties of inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation, with a view to better meeting the needs and expectations of citizens for a safer and more equitable world;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly of Belize also recognizes that interparliamentary contacts and cooperation, including on the South-South level, can in large measure help strengthen our institution and lead to stronger engagement at the regional and international levels;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly of Belize is aware of the importance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in terms of bridging the democracy gap in international relations and forging a parliamentary component to the work of the United Nations;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly of Belize is desirous of becoming a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

**AND WHEREAS**, Article 3 of the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union provides for every parliament constituted in conformity with the laws of a sovereign State whose population it represents and on whose territory it functions, to request affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate authorizes the Speaker of the National Assembly to, in a sovereign and formal manner, request affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and entrusts the Speaker of the National Assembly to convey this resolution to the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.