

**Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize Relating to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children (1996) Motion, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize is desirous of acceding to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children (1996), hereafter the (1996 Hague Convention);

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Convention is to cover a broad range of civil measures to protect children in cross-border situations and uniform rules that prevent conflicting decisions, enable cross-border co-operation between authorities, and secure the recognition and enforcement of measures among Contracting Parties;

**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 60 regarding “Reservations”, Belize considers it necessary to make reservations in relation to Article 54 (2) and Article 55 which reads as follows:

*Article 54: In accordance with Article 60, paragraph 1 and Article 54, paragraph 2, Belize objects to the use of French translations of communications sent to the Central Authority of Belize. Belize further adds that any communication to the Central Authority of Belize shall be in the original language and shall be accompanied by English translations;*

*Article 55: In accordance with Article 60, paragraph 2 and Article 55, paragraph 1, Belize reserves the jurisdiction of its authorities to take measures directed to the protection of property of a child situated on its territory and reserves the right not to recognize any parental responsibility or measures in so far as it is incompatible with any measure taken by its authority in relation to that property;*

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Agreement pursuant to Article 58;

**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 ratification or accession to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the 1996 Hague Convention for the Protection of Children, a copy of which is hereto annexed.