

Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize Relating to Visa Exemptions for Holders of Diplomatic, Official, Service and Ordinary Passports between Belize and the Republic of Benin Motion, 2024.

WHEREAS, Belize signed an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Benin on the 24th September 2024, relating to visa exemptions for holders of diplomatic, official, service and ordinary passports;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to strengthen and further develop friendly and cooperative relations between both countries;

AND WHEREAS, within the framework of this Agreement, exemption from visa requirements shall mean exemptions from visa application procedures and related fees and shall exclude the right to work;

AND WHEREAS, nationals of either Party holding diplomatic, official, service or ordinary passports may enter, leave, transit and stay without a visa requirement for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement pursuant to Article 14;

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 ratify the Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Benin relating to visa exemptions, a copy of which is hereto annexed.