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Cabinet Brief

Belmopan. 27th June 2024.

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, met on 25th June 2024.

- Cabinet gave its approval for a resolution to be introduced in the National Assembly for the declaration of a State of Emergency in certain parts of Belize City and the Cayo District.
- Cabinet approved a request by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to enter into an Air Services Agreement with the Republic of Panama to facilitate greater market access and to promote economic growth as well as to facilitate and regulate air transport between Belize and the Republic of Panama.
- In keeping with its #PlanBelize Agenda, specifically in line with the National Identification Roadmap, Cabinet endorsed the National Biometrics Strategy which will serve as a guiding framework for the effective and ethical use of biometrics. This will enable us to develop a robust, safe, and trusted National ID System.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the establishment of a Seasonal Migrant Workers Program for the promotion of ethical recruitment and enhanced accountability and efficacy to improve labour migration processes and employment outcomes for migrant workers and other stakeholders in the areas of agriculture and construction.
- Cabinet gave its support for legislation to be introduced in the National Assembly for Belize to accede to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, which is an intergovernmental organization

that supports the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by offering legal mechanisms and protocol for enforcing the human rights of children. In addition, Cabinet also gave its approval for the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Children and the Recovery of Child Support and other forms of Family Maintenance. This will allow for Belize to tap into a legally harmonized framework that supports international cooperation on matters involving children's rights.

- Cabinet gave its support for legislation to be introduced in the National Assembly for Belize to accede to the InterAmerican Convention on Older Persons and to develop legislation to give effect to the rights and freedoms provided for in the Convention.
- Finally, Cabinet encourages all Belizeans to stay alert during the Hurricane Season.

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