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Belize

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. Arising from the UPR process were one hundred and twenty four (124) recommendations of which we supported 98. As noted in Belize's concluding Statement to the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review, in November 2018, there were 6 recommendations that required further consultation at the national level.
2. In this regard, the Government of Belize has reviewed the 6 recommendations and is pleased to report that Belize accepts a total of two recommendations. We have noted three recommendations, and we were unable to accept one recommendation due to inaccurate information. The 6 recommendations have been grouped under accept, note and reject.
3. Kindly note that recommendation 77.70 maintains its original "Accepted" position.

Accept

78.2. Establish a national preventive mechanism against torture, in accordance with the obligations contracted.

78.5. Include specific programmes on combating violence against women in the gender equality framework under the national growth and substantial development strategy.

Note

78.1. Ratify the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169).

78.3. Take timely measures to ensure the rights of girls and women, in particular by guaranteeing independent access to sexual and reproductive health services in accordance with the age of consent and without parental permission.

78.6. Strengthen the legislative framework on the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Reject

78.4. Approve the draft amendment to the Representation of the People Act that would establish a 33 per cent quota of women in the National Assembly.
