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### **Belize Elected to Economic and Social Council**

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The United Nations General Assembly met this afternoon to elect new members of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by secret ballot. Belize won, by a wide margin, one of the three seats assigned to the Latin America and Caribbean region on the council for the term 2022 to 2024.

The work of ECOSOC will be critical in ensuring that the global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is inclusive, sustainable, and green – aligned to Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and all internationally agreed development goals. ECOSOC's work in the coming years will be integral to the success of the UN's Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs.

ECOSOC is one of the six principal organs of United Nations. With 54 members, it is specifically responsible for economic and social affairs in the United Nations. Its 32 subsidiary and related bodies include the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Sustainable Development. Over the years, ECOSOC has played an important role in facilitating global economic development, promoting and protecting human rights, enhancing the status of women, eradicating poverty, protecting the environment and so on.

Belize looks forward to assuming its ECOSOC seat in January 2022 and to contribute to advancing the development agenda of the United Nations.

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