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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cabinet Holds First Meeting**

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The Office of the Prime Minister hereby announces that Cabinet, at its first meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, was briefed on the following national issues:

- Public health crisis arising from COVID-19 outbreak presented by Dr. Marvin Manzanero, Director of Health Services, and Nurse Melinda Guerra;
- Impact of Hurricane ETA and floods presented by Col. Shelton Defour, National Disaster Coordinator for the National Emergency Management Organization;
- State of Public Finances and the Economy presented by Mr. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary; Ambassador Joy Grant, Governor of the Central Bank; and Mr. Kareem Michaels, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank; and
- National Security matters presented by Mr. Chester Williams, Commissioner of Police; Brigadier General Steven Ortega, Commander, Belize Defence Force; and Lt. Gregory Soberanis, Acting Vice Commander, Belize Coast Guard.

The meeting followed the swearing-in of the new Cabinet.

**Ends**