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PRESS RELEASE

Statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Belmopan, July 30, 2026.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2026, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade received a report from the State Representative of Belize to the International Civil Aviation Organization concerning an alleged incident of a domestic dispute.

Immediately thereafter, the Ministry also received a diplomatic request from the Embassy of Canada in Guatemala regarding the same incident. The request sought Belize's consideration of a limited waiver of diplomatic immunity to facilitate an investigation by Canadian authorities.

Following a careful review of the request and the information provided, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade approved a limited waiver of diplomatic immunity and formally communicated this decision to the Embassy of Canada by diplomatic note.

The Foreign Ministry conducted the necessary checks to ensure the safety and security of all parties involved. Belize will continue to cooperate fully with Canadian authorities to resolve this matter.

The Government of Belize reaffirms its zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of gender-based violence.

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