

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELIZE AND THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA  
ON THE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS THROUGH TERRESTRIAL PORTS OF  
ENTRY**

Belize and the Republic of Guatemala, hereinafter "the Parties",

**COMMITTED** to the objective of maintaining and deepening bilateral friendly relations;

**CONVINCED** that the education of their peoples contributes to the betterment of their quality of life and to the economic development of their countries;

**CONSIDERING** that the most effective manner of achieving swift and safe transit of students, who move daily from one country to the other, is through a formal Agreement between the Parties.

**DESIROUS** of facilitating passage through terrestrial ports between Belize and Guatemala to preschool, primary, and secondary students who travel daily from one Party to the other for the purposes of receiving an education in the territory of the other Party and same day return to their country of origin.

Agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Agreement is to facilitate swift and safe passage of students of preschool, primary and secondary level, who move daily from one country to another for academic studies and the same day return to their country of origin.

**ARTICLE 2  
PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION AS A STUDENT**

Preschool, primary, and secondary students who have been accepted into a recognized school of the other Party, must complete the legal immigration requirements for entry.

Immigration authorities of the Parties must verify that the student provide relevant documentation required by immigration and education authorities.

Immigration authorities shall keep a register of all accredited students, and recognize or issue a valid identification card to the student, which shall allow the student to enter through existing legal terrestrial entry points.



The Parties should take actions in a coordinated manner to ensure a swift and safe passage of students through legal terrestrial entry points. For this purpose the Parties will:

1. Ensure the transfer of information electronically and in real time for students who exit from each of their respective countries, to perform a single immigration procedure.
2. Establish procedures or guidelines for the implementation for the swift and safe passage of students through legal terrestrial entry points.
3. Designate the relevant officials to monitor and maintain student databases and immigration records as well as monitor the implementation of this Agreement.
4. Share information and alerts about missing or kidnapped children or teenagers.
5. Establish the necessary mechanisms to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information through secure transmission, processing and storage.
6. Enhance human resource capabilities and procedures for the sharing of best practices and provide updated information on immigration law.
7. Those who transport the students between the territories of the Parties shall be responsible for their safety and protection in accordance with the respective national legislation of the Parties.

### **ARTICLE 3 CREDENTIAL**

1. The granting or recognition of the student identification as stipulated in the previous article does not entitle any immigration status to the student, and only allows for the swift and safe passage for same day entry and return through the legal terrestrial entry points.
2. Students from each Party must meet the migration and educational requirements of either Party.

### **ARTICLE 4 FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. The present Agreement is based on the "Framework Agreement for Negotiations and Confidence Building Measures between Belize and Guatemala," signed on 7th September 2005, that has as an objective the maintenance and deepening of friendly



bilateral relations until the Territorial, Insular and Maritime Dispute is permanently resolved.

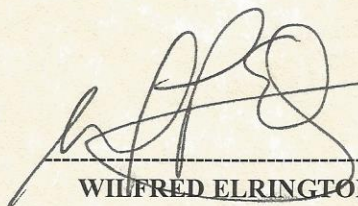
2. This Agreement is also based on the Road Map for the Strengthening of the Bilateral Relations signed in Washington, D.C. United States of America on 24th January 2014 by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Parties, in which it was agreed to develop a programme of activities for the strengthening of the bilateral relations.
3. The present instrument shall not constitute a total or partial waiver of sovereignty over any territory (land, insular and maritime) claimed by either Party; nor shall any rights of either Party to such territory be prejudiced; nor shall any precedent be established for the strengthening or weakening of either Party's claims to any such territory. Each Party expressly reserves its rights with respect to its claims of sovereignty over any territory (land, insular or maritime).
4. The Parties agree that neither Party will use against the other, in any forum in which their territorial differendum may be addressed in the future, the fact that either of the Parties has accepted, agreed to, complied with or implemented any of the confidence building measures included herein.
5. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through diplomatic channels.
6. This Agreement will enter into force on the date when both sides have received notification via diplomatic note that their respective legal requirements have been met.
7. The present Agreement will have a duration of ten (10) years and will be automatically extended for equal periods, unless any of the Parties, through written communication via diplomatic channels, revokes it, and the termination will be effective one (1) year after the respective notification.
8. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or benefits already acquired by the individuals by virtue of this Agreement.
9. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties through written communications via diplomatic channels. Its entry into force will be in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Article.



Done in Placencia, Belize, on December 17, 2014 in two original copies, in the Spanish and English language, both texts being equally authentic.

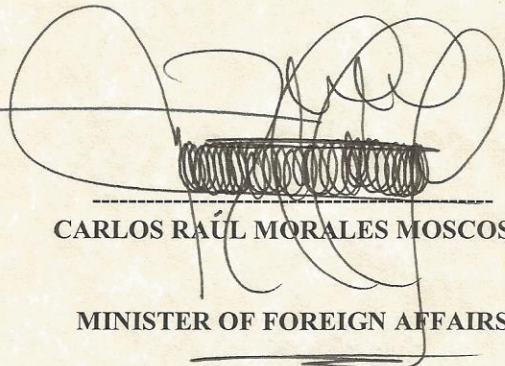
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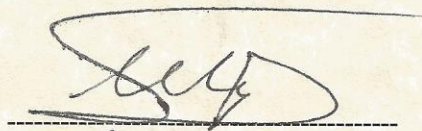
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