

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
ON COAST GUARD COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize, hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”;

WISHING to promote cooperation between coast guard authorities of both countries;

BEING concerned about coast guard development and detecting and prevention of maritime transnational crime;

ACTING on the principle of equality and reciprocity;

Hereby have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Competent Authorities

1.1 The competent authorities that shall implement this Agreement are:

(a) The Ocean Affairs Council of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

(b) Ministry of National Defence and Border Security of the Government of Belize.

1.2 The Parties shall dedicate themselves to engaging in exchange activities and cooperation in accordance with their respective domestic laws, as set out in the provisions of this Agreement and as required by their official responsibilities and functions.

Article 2

Purpose

This Agreement sets out the framework for cooperation between the Parties in developing coast guard cooperation and combating maritime transnational crime.

Article 3

Scope of Cooperation

The Parties agree to seek feasibility of cooperation in the following matters:

(a) The exchange of personnel visiting;

(b) The exchange of personnel for training;

- (c) Maritime Search and Rescue;
- (d) Fisheries Law enforcement;
- (e) Cooperation in combating transnational crime at sea;
- (f) To implement other areas of cooperation as agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 4

Forms of Cooperation

To ensure the effective implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate as follows:

- (a) To exchange business visits;
- (b) The exchange of training program;
- (c) To invite personnel to attend international conferences;
- (d) The sharing and exchange of information in the area of law enforcement; and
- (e) To the implementation of other areas of cooperation as agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 5

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article 6

Relations of this Agreement with other International Instruments

This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations stemming from other international instruments to which either country is a Party.

Article 7

Expenses

The expenses incurred in the implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the respective Parties, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 8

Language

The competent authorities, in the course of their cooperation in accordance with this Agreement, will use English as the medium of communication.

Article 9

Entry into Force, Termination and Amendment

9.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last signature of the Parties.

9.2 This Agreement shall remain in effect unless either Party giving six (6) months written notification in advance to the other Party to terminate this Agreement.

9.3 This Agreement may be amended by mutual consultation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of China (Taiwan)

For the Government of
Belize

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Minister of National Defense
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Date: August. 23. 2022

Date: Sept 14, 2022

Place: Kaohsiung City

Place: Coast Guard HQ.