



## **Decision No. 1**

### **Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Commission of the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize**

#### **DECIDES:**

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### **Approval of the Rules of Procedure**

The Rules of Procedure have been formally approved by consensus by the Administrative Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) on 19 January 2024 pursuant to Article 43 of the Economic Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “ECA”) between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”) and govern the proceedings of the Commission.

##### **Paragraph 2**

##### **Composition**

1. The Commission shall be comprised in accordance with Article 41 of the ECA.
2. For the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Minister of Economic Affairs, and for the Government of Belize, the Minister with responsibility for Foreign Trade, or their designated persons, shall head their respective delegations, and may designate other persons to form part of their delegations, for meetings. Provided that the number of persons so designated need not be equal.

##### **Paragraph 3**

##### **Meetings**

1. The meetings of the Commission shall be organized pursuant to Article 42 of the ECA.
2. The meetings shall be held in English.

##### **Paragraph 4**

##### **Observers and Experts**

1. The Commission may agree to admit observers to attend its meetings.



2. The Commission may agree to invite technical experts to attend its meetings to assist in considering issues or making recommendations.

Paragraph 5  
Delegations

The Parties shall inform each other of the composition of their delegation at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Paragraph 6  
Agenda for Meetings

1. The agenda for the meeting shall be prepared by the host country in consultation with the other Party.
2. An agenda shall be adopted by the Commission at the beginning of each meeting, and the Commission may agree to incorporate other items into the agenda that may arise during a meeting.

Paragraph 7  
Documents

Where the deliberations of the Commission are based on written supporting documents, such documents shall be numbered and circulated to members of the Commission at least seven (7) calendar days before the scheduled date of the meeting. All documents shall be in English.

Paragraph 8  
Minutes

1. The minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the host country and circulated to all members of the Commission for their consideration and agreement at that meeting. Such minutes shall be in English.
2. The minutes of each meeting shall indicate the issues discussed and agreed upon with respect to each item on the agenda, and shall include:
  - (a) The names of members of the delegations and any observers or experts who participated in the meeting;
  - (b) The documents submitted to the Commission;
  - (c) Any statements that any member of the Commissions has asked to be placed on record;



- (d) The decisions taken, recommendations made, statements and conclusions agreed upon; and
  - (e) Any other relevant information.
3. Minutes shall be approved and signed by the Commission as soon as possible after the conclusion of each meeting. The Parties shall receive a copy of the signed minutes.

#### Paragraph 9

##### Decisions and Recommendations

1. The decisions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by consensus pursuant to Article 44 of the ECA and implemented in good faith by the Parties.
2. The decisions and recommendations of the Commission shall be recorded in the form of a document signed by its representatives. The Document shall be titled "Decision" or "Recommendation" and include an identifying number, the date of adoption and a description of the subject matter.
3. The decisions of the Commission with respect to disputes shall also include the names of the Parties involved in the dispute.
4. Decisions and recommendations adopted by the Commission shall be :
  - (a) Prepared by the host country in the official languages of both Parties;
  - (b) Approved and signed by the heads of delegation of both Parties;
  - (c) Delivered to the Parties, and in the case of disputes, to the Parties to the dispute.
5. Between meetings, the Commission may adopt decisions or recommendations by written procedure should both Parties agree. The written procedure shall be formalized by an exchange of notes between the Parties.

#### Paragraph 10

##### Dispute Settlement

The Commission shall comply with the provisions of Chapter VII of the ECA.

#### Paragraph 11

##### Correspondence

All correspondence between the Parties regarding the functions of the Commission shall be forwarded via the Parties' respective heads of delegation.



Paragraph 12  
Amendments to the Rules

The Rules of Procedure may be amended by the consensus of the Parties in accordance with Paragraphs 9 and 10.

Paragraph 13  
Duration for these Rules

The Decision shall enter into force thirty (30) calendar days after the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize exchange notification indicating they have completed their respective internal legal procedures necessary for its entry into force. Unless otherwise decided by the consensus of the Commission, these Rules of Procedure shall remain in force for the duration of the ECA.

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

Done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, with both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy in the interpretation of this Decision, the English version shall prevail.

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