

**45 Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to Belize**

**29th January 2024**

Thank you Madam Vice-President,

Finland appreciates the engagement of Belize in the UPR process and thanks for the report presented.

Finland respectfully recommends:

1. to consider signing and ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming to the abolition of the death penalty.
2. to open a standing invitation to thematic special procedures.
3. to consider establishing a national human rights institution, based on the Paris Principles.

We wish Belize a successful UPR review.

I thank you.