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[6th February, 2002.]

- 1. This Act may be cited as the United Nations Resolutions and Conventions (Enforcement) Act.
- 2. In this Act  $\square$  Minister  $\square$  means the Minister for the time being responsible for foreign affairs;

☐ United Nations Charter ☐ means the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco on the 26th day of June, 1945.

3 . (1) If the Security Council of the United Nations, acting under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter (being the Chapter which relates to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression), passes a resolution calling on States generally or the Government of Belize individually, to apply any measures or take any action to give effect to any decision or recommendation of that Council, such resolution shall, within thirty days of the date when the notice thereof is received by the Government of Belize, be submitted to the National Assembly and the National Assembly may pass a law to give effect to it or, where appropriate, the Minister may immediately by Order published in the Gazette as a statutory instrument, make such provision as appears to him necessary or expedient for enabling the said resolution to be effectively implemented and applied within Belize.

- (2) An Order made under this section shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other rule, regulation or instrument.
- (3) An Order made under this section may provide that a contravention or breach thereof shall be punishable on summary conviction by such fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or by such term of imprisonment not exceeding three years as may be specified in such Order, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- (4) Every Order made under this section shall be submitted to the National Assembly within thirty days of the making thereof and shall be subject to negative resolution.
- (5) Any Order made under this section may be varied or revoked by a subsequent Order.
- 4. (1) Where Belize ratifies a United Nations Convention, such United Nations Convention shall be submitted to the National Assembly within thirty days of its Conventions. ratification and the National Assembly may pass a law to give effect to it or, where appropriate, the Minister may immediately by Order published in the Gazette as a statutory instrument, make such provisions as appear to him necessary or expedient for giving effect to such Convention within Belize, and every such Order shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other rule, regulation or instrument.
- (2) Every Order made under this section shall be submitted to the National Assembly within thirty days of the making thereof and shall be subject to negative resolution.