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## **Belize and Guatemala Meet with OAS**

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Belize's Foreign Minister Wilfred Elrington met with his Guatemalan counterpart Haroldo Rodas at the OAS in Washington yesterday. The meeting was arranged by OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza. According to an official release, all parties agreed that the OAS will deploy a technical team to the Adjacency Zone to evaluate the functioning of Confidence Building Measures, and to make recommendations on how to improve their effectiveness. It was also agreed in principle that the parties would establish a high level group

with participation of the OAS - to deal with controversial issues that may arise along the Belize Guatemala border.

According to the release, the foreign ministers also reiterated their commitment to advance the process to submit the territorial differendum to the International Court of Justice for a final resolution after obtaining the approval of the people of Belize and Guatemala through referenda.

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