



**OFFICE OF GOVERNANCE
GROUND FLOOR – NORTH WING**

New Administration Building, City of Belmopan

Telephone: 501-822-2204, 2205 Facsimile: 501-822-2206

Email: governancebz@btl.net website: www.governmentofbelize.gov.bz

BELIZE

Please Quote

Ref. No. GEN/38/01/08

February 4, 2008

P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Director Office of Governance, Mrs. Myrtle Palacio rejects the allegations made by the United Democratic Party in its press release sent to the media late Friday February 1, 2008. The Director is not aware of any improper e-mail communication exchanged between herself and any other person in regards to political party campaign machinery, voter education, the electoral process in the Belize Rural North constituency or any other constituency for that matter. The United Democratic Party had given no details on the alleged e-mails, because no such emails exist. At all times, the Director has maintained the utmost impartiality as with the Political Parties and Candidates contesting the upcoming General Elections. Any such allegations are without foundation and intended to **smear** the reputation of a hard working professional who has been associated with the Elections and Boundaries Department for the last **nine** years. The existing **transparent** system of registration in the Department, as well as the database system and voter education initiatives were developed and implemented during Mrs. Palacio's tenure as Chief Elections Officer, 1999 to 2005. The Office of Governance and the Department reaffirms its commitment to the practice of good governance principles through a completely transparent, participatory and accountable election process on February 7, 2008.

I. Myrtle Palacio
Director