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## Belize National Teachers' Union Press Release

Since the launch of the Revised National Gender Policy 2013 by the National Women's Commission, the Belize National Teachers' Union has been following with great concern, the wide range of issues that have emanated from the contents of this gender policy.

The Council of Management of the BNTU has met and had the opportunity to have a presentation made to this body with reference to the implications the policy will have on our human, constitutional, social and educational policies and rights.

Consequently, the BNTU views with grave concern these implications. The BNTU hereby indicates its intention to undertake a thorough review of the document with a view towards determining the impact the Gender Policy will have on ALL.

BNTU intends to sensitize its general membership on the implications of this Gender Policy as well as to take the requisite steps to ensure that our general citizenry suffers no constitutional infringement as a consequence of having this gender policy enforced. We thus call on the government to put an immediate halt to any further action on this policy.

Let it be known that as a significant stakeholder in the business of education, the BNTU will do all in its power to defend the best interest of all our constituents. We take this opportunity to indicate that we remain resolute in our intent to stand in solidarity against any system that will jeopardize the construct of the Belizean society. We now place the National Gender Policy under the microscope and we stand ready to act as our review unravels the real truth.

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