

# British Embassy delegation urges approval of UK-Honduras trade Agreement

The British Embassy's Deputy Head of Mission and the Trade and Prosperity Officer paid a two-day visit to Tegucigalpa to meet with Officials from the Ministry of Labour, the Board of Directors of the Honduran National Congress, representatives of the private sector (COHEP), and other partner organizations working in Honduras to improve the business climate.

The delegation stressed that the new treaty replicates the existing European Union – Central America Association Agreement, and will ensure that trade between the UK and Central America continues uninterrupted when the UK ceases to be a member of the EU on 31 October. The Agreement was signed by all countries, including Honduras, on July 18.

In 2018, Honduras exported goods and services to the UK worth US\$161 million mostly composed of coffee, fisheries, fruits, vegetables and apparel products. The main imports from the UK consisted of industrial products, machinery, vehicles and spiritual beverages worth US\$4 million. The Agreement also provides a framework for cooperation and development through political dialogue, increased economic ties and our work on important issues like the environment and human rights.

Barbara Amono-Oceng, Deputy Head of Mission for the British Embassy to Honduras, said:

We look forward to the approval of the Agreement, as it will help to build our political and economic ties with exporters and consumers and give them the certainty they need to continue trading freely and with confidence.

The British Embassy in Guatemala is concurrent to Honduras and we pay regular visits to the country to strengthen our economic, political and cultural ties.