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## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BHUTAN



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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Re: Plenary on Seventh Session of the Third Parliament**

The National Assembly conducted the plenary today to set the agenda for the Seventh Session of the Third Parliament of Bhutan, scheduled to commence from 2 June 2022.

The Seventh Session of the Third Parliament will be deliberating on five new bills and one international instrument as listed below:

1. National Budget Report along with Budget Appropriation Bill for the Financial Year 2022-2023 (Money Bill);
2. Supplementary Budget Appropriation Bill for the Financial Year 2021-2022 (Money Bill);
3. Fiscal Incentives (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2022 (Money Bill);
4. Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2022 (Money Bill);
5. Concession of Property Tax Bill of Bhutan 2022 (Money Bill); and
6. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (TIP Protocol).

The Session will also deliberate on:

1. Third Reading of the Forest and Nature Conservation Bill of Bhutan 2021.

The Joint Sitting of the two Houses will deliberate on the:

1. Report of the Public Accounts Committee's Review Report on:
  - Royal Audit Authority's Annual Audit Report 2020-21; and
  - Performance Audit Report



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### 2. Three disputed Bills:

- Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021:
- Civil Society Organizations (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021; and
- United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) (Amendment).

The House will also Re-deliberate on the :

1. Biodiversity Bill of Bhutan 2021 and
2. The Royal Bhutan Police (Amendment) Bill of Bhutan 2021

In addition to the above Bills, follow-up on the resolutions of the Sixth Session and motions will also be deliberated. As per procedure, the Question Hour session will be held every Tuesday and Friday.

The Tentative Agenda for the 7<sup>th</sup> Session will be available on the National Assembly website at [www.nab.gov.bt](http://www.nab.gov.bt). It is expected that the Summer Session will take a little more than a month.