

## Chapter I The State and the Constitution

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The State  
in transition  
to socialism.

1. Guyana is an indivisible, secular, democratic sovereign state in the course of transition from capitalism to socialism and shall be known as the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

The  
territory.

2. The territory of the State comprises the areas that immediately before the commencement of this Constitution were comprised in the area of Guyana together with such other areas as may be declared by Act of Parliament to form part of the territory of the State.

The capital.

3. The capital of the State is the city of Georgetown.

The flag.

4. The national flag of the State is the flag known as "The Golden Arrow Head" as set out in the Second schedule.

The coat  
of arms.

5. The coat of arms of the State is that in use at the commencement of this Constitution as set out in the Second Schedule.

The  
anthem

6. The national anthem of the State is the anthem known as  
"Green Land of Guyana" as set out in the Second Schedule.

The pledge.

6A. The National Pledge of the State is the pledge as set out in the  
Second Schedule.

Duty to  
respect  
national  
symbols.

7. It is the duty of every citizen of Guyana wherever he may be  
and of every person in Guyana to respect the national flag, the coat of arms, the  
national anthem, the national pledge and the Constitution of Guyana, and to treat  
them with due and proper solemnity on all occasions.

Supremacy  
of  
Constitution.

8. This Constitution is the supreme law of Guyana and, if any  
other law is inconsistent with it, that other law shall, to the extent of the  
inconsistency, be void.