



**GUYANA**  
**ACT No. 7 of 2001**  
**CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 5) ACT 2001**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**I assent,**

**BHARRAT JAGDEO,**  
**President,**  
**31<sup>st</sup> July, 2001**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new Title 6A, heading and article 197A in the Constitution.

AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

A.D. 2001

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 5) Act 2001.

Insertion of  
new Title 6A  
heading and  
article 197A in  
the Constitution.

2. The Constitution is hereby altered by the insertion of the following TITLE and article immediately after TITLE 6—

**"TITLE 6A  
DEFENCE AND SECURITY**

Defence  
and  
security.

197A. (1) The State's defence and security policy shall be to defend national independence, preserve the country's sovereignty and integrity, and guarantee the normal functioning of institutions and the security of citizens against any armed aggression.

(2) The Defence and Security Forces shall be subordinate to national defence and security policy and owe allegiance to the Constitution and to the Nation. The oath taken by members of the Defence and Security Forces shall establish their duty to respect the Constitution.

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(3) The Guyana Defence Force established under the Defence Act shall in the discharge of its constitutional responsibilities function in such a manner as to earn the respect and enjoy the confidence of citizens.

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(4) The Police Force established under the Police Act shall function in accordance with the law as the law enforcement agency of the State responding to the daily need to maintain law and order by suppressing crime to ensure that citizens are safe in their homes, the streets and in other places.

(5) Disciplined forces commissions may be constituted by the National Assembly from time to time, as may be necessary, with power to examine the structure and composition of the disciplined forces and make recommendations generally with a view to promoting their greater efficiency, and giving effect to the need in the public interest that the composition of the disciplined forces take account of the ethnic constituents of the population.”.

Passed by the National Assembly on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2001.

*F. A. Narain,*  
Clerk of the National Assembly

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