

THIRD PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

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RESOLUTION NO. CXXXIII

WHEREAS the people of Guyana are entitled as of right to enjoy the highest possible standard of living and quality of life consistent with their work and the development of the country's resources;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid right cannot be assured unless the society and the economy are reconstructed on socialist principles;

AND WHEREAS the existing Constitution is not a suitable vehicle for effecting the necessary reconstruction of the society and the economy of the State;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to adopt a new Constitution designed to ensure social and economic justice for all of the people of Guyana:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly resolve itself into a Committee consisting of all the members of the Assembly (including the Speaker) to be known as a Constituent Assembly for the purpose of preparing a new Constitution for the Republic of Guyana provided that members of the National Assembly who are not elected members of the National Assembly shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Constituent Assembly but without the right to vote thereat;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Constituent Assembly shall have power -

- (a) to elect its Chairman and a Deputy Chairman from among persons who are members of the Constituent Assembly;
- (b) to appoint the Secretary of the Constituent Assembly and such other staff which may be considered requisite by the Constituent Assembly for the carrying out of its functions;
- (c) to delegate to the Chairman the powers conferred by paragraph (b), other than the power to appoint the Secretary;

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- (d) to co-opt permanent advisory delegations representing other groups of persons in the society, in particular, the Guyana Association of Local Authorities, the Trades Union Congress and religious organisations, to assist the Constituent Assembly in its deliberations in the preparation of the new Constitution for the Republic of Guyana;
- (e) to invite and receive memoranda from members of the public or from organisations and to take evidence from persons desiring to testify before it;
- (f) to hold meetings in any part of Guyana; and
- (g) to regulate its own procedure.

Passed by the National Assembly

this 21st day of July, 1978


F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly