# NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYNA FIRST SESSION (2006-2007) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 36**

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Committee of Appointments provided for in Article 119C of the constitution and established in the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament on December 21, 2006 has been meeting regularly and has tabled three Reports, one Special Report and 4 motions to the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of Appointments tabled a Motion proposing a list of 162 entities to consult with a new consensual mechanism for such consultations in relation to the Ethnic Relations Commission which had been unanimously supported by the said Committee;

AND WHEREAS this Motion on May 10, 2007 failed to achieve the support of two-thirds of the House as required by the constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has since tried inclusive of its August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to resolve the issue with a view to returning the matter for the attention of the House before the recess;

AND WHEREAS consensus on the way forward has not been obtained and the issues preventing the reconstitution of the ERC may remain unresolved for an extended period of time;

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AND WHEREAS the term of office of the current Ethnic Relations Commissioners will come to an end in August 2007 while the Commission under Article 212A will continue to exist;

#### RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly takes note of this serious development;

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## RESOLVED,

That the House so informs the President of the Republic;

#### FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly calls on the President to take such steps so as to enable the Ethnic Relations Commission to continue to carry out its constitutional responsibilities in the interim.

Passed in the National Assembly on Thursday, 9th August, 2007.

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**Clerk of the National Assembly**