

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYNA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2008)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 60**

**WHEREAS Article 212U of the Constitution provides for the establishment of a Rights of the Child Commission;**

**AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 212U(2)(a) of the Constitution, the Rights of the Child Commission shall consist of –**

- (a) “not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in issues affecting children, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Ministry with responsibility for children’s affairs, the Ministry of Education, and organizations representing the interests of youth, are determined by the votes not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly; and**
  
- (b) A member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission and Indigenous People’s Commission.”**

2.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Rights of the Child Commission unanimously agreed and proposes that the Commission be comprised of 15 nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Service	-	2
Religion	-	3
Youth	-	3
Women	-	3
Other	-	1
Ministry of Education	-	1
Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security	-	1
National Commission on Rights of the Child	-	1

AND WHEREAS the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Rights Commission herein at the Second Schedule,

**RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Rights of the Child Commission, in accordance with Article 212U (2)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached;

3.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism,  
outlined in the Second Schedule attached.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.*



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**L. COONJAH**

*Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly*

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**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**STANDING COMMITTEE TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 119C OF THE CONSTITUTION  
(FIRST SCHEDULE)**

**Proposed entities to be consulted for the Nomination of Members of the Rights of  
the Child Commission**

**SERVICE**

Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

Friends of the Needy

Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic

Guyana Girl Guides Association

Guyana Lions District Governor

Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association

Help and Shelter

Kids First Foundation

Radio Needy Children's Fund

Rotary District Governor

Salvation Army

Scouts Association of Guyana

The Guyana Red Cross Society

Young Men's Christian Association

Young Women Christian Association

**RELIGION**

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha

Guyana Council of Churches

**YOUTH**

- AFC Youth Arm
- Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
- Church of Christ Youth Group
- Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
- Diocesan Youth Centre
- Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
- Gandhi Youth Organisation
- Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
- Guyana Junior Chamber (Jaycee)
- Guyana Network of Schools Health Clubs
- Guyana Youth Challenge
- Guyana Youth Development Association
- Guyana Youth and Student Movement
- Hauraruni Full Gospel Youth Training Centre
- Hinterland Students Council
- Methodist Youth Club
- Moravian Youth Club
- Muslim Youth Organisation
- National Youth Commission
- President's Youth Award: Republic of Guyana
- Progressive Youth Organisation
- Rights of the Child
- Roman Catholic Youth Office
- Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders
- The United Force Youth Arm
- Trade's Union Youth Movement
- University of Guyana Student's Society
- Volunteer Youth Corps
- Working People's Alliance Youth Organisation
- Youth Ambassadors First Assembly of God

## **WOMEN**

AFC Women's Arm  
Anglican Mothers' Union  
Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana (Women's arm)  
Church Women United  
Congregational Women's Union  
Federation of AME Women  
Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers  
Guyana Federation of Women Institutes  
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandale  
Guyana Nurses' Association  
Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)  
Lutheran Church Women  
Methodist Women's League  
National Commission on Women  
National Congress of Women  
Police Wives' Association  
Red Thread Women's Development Project  
Rural Women's Development Network  
The United Force Women's Auxillary  
TUC Women's Advisory Council  
Women Across Differences  
Women's Progressive Organisation

## **OTHER**

African Cultural Development Association  
Amerindian People's Association  
Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers  
Guyana Human Rights' Association  
Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples  
Indian Arrival Committee  
Ministry of Health

**National Amerindian Development Fund**  
**National Commission on Disabilities**  
**The Amerindian Association of Guyana**  
**The Rastafarian Council**

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### **Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for Members of the Rights of the Child Commission**

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Rights of the Child Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on the advice of the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be person/s who are competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognized "*umbrella organization*" in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the "*constituent entities*" within the Group.