

**SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

**FIRST SESSION (1998-2000)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 45**

WHEREAS the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) was signed in 1978 with the functions of the Secretariat being performed on a Pro Tempore basis;

AND WHEREAS at the fifth meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the ACT countries held in Lima in 1995, a decision was taken to establish a Permanent Secretariat which would be located in Brasilia;

AND WHEREAS on December 14, 1998, the eight member countries signed the Agreement to amend Article 22 via which the Pro Tempore Secretariat was created;

AND WHEREAS for the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat all the member countries are required to formally endorse (ratify) "Amendment Protocol";

AND WHEREAS three countries (Bolivia, Brazil and Peru) have already ratified the Amendment Protocol, and the others have initiated the process of doing so;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands to benefit from its participation in the Treaty from access to information packages, regional data bases and collaboration with other member countries in the areas of Science and Technology, Energy, Environment, Tourism, Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, Education and Indigenous Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Guyana has benefited from its membership of the Treaty via (funded) participation in Regional Meetings/Training Workshops in areas such as Science, Technology, Environment, Ecotourism, Ecological and Economic Zoning, Forestry, Small Scale Production of fruits and vegetables, Geographical Information Systems, an ACT Web page, etc.;

AND WHEREAS the benefits to growth and development of Guyana which will be obtained from participation in the Treaty justify the annual contribution of US\$22,792.00 by this country to the annual budget of the Permanent Secretariat;

AND WHEREAS Cabinet has approved the recommendation to ratify the Protocol of Amendment of Article 22 of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly endorses the decision to ratify the Protocol of Amendment of Article 22 of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

*Passed by the National Assembly on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2000*



F. A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly