

SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION (1998 – 2000)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 49

WHEREAS, in pursuance of a Resolution passed by the National Assembly on 6th December, 1999, the Government, in consultation with the Political Parties represented in the National Assembly, and with civil society, established an Oversight Committee with responsibilities for –

- ◆ Preparing for the approval of the Assembly, a time-bound plan for the drafting of Constitutional Revisions,
- ◆ Overseeing and guiding the implementation of the Recommendations of the Report of the Special Select Committee which considered the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission, and
- ◆ Submitting written monthly progress reports to the Assembly, the first such report being required to be made not later than 31st December, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Time-bound Plan was prepared by the Oversight Committee and was laid in and approved by the National Assembly on 10th February, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the Oversight Committee has been submitting monthly progress reports to the Assembly and has submitted seven such reports;

AND WHEREAS the Oversight Committee has concluded its deliberations and has submitted its Final Report;

AND WHEREAS the Final Report of the Oversight Committee is laid before the National Assembly on 18th September, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the process of Constitutional Reform and its derivative activities requires that the National Assembly passes amendments to the Constitution and enabling legislation and establishes mechanism in keeping with the provisions of the Report;

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly -

- ◆ **Expresses and records its thanks to the Oversight Committee for the service it gave and for the Reports it submitted,**
- ◆ **Adopts the Final Report of the Oversight Committee, and**
- ◆ **Requests the Government to bring to the National Assembly, after consultation with the Political Parties represented therein, matters and Bills for consideration and enactment, to give effect to the proposals/recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Oversight Committee on Constitution Reform, prioritising them as follows:-**
 - **Constitutional amendments, using Section 8 of the Report as the basis for the preparation of the amendments to the Constitution**
 - **Enabling legislation associated with the amendments**
 - **Establishment of Constitutional Institutions inclusive of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Constitutional Reform, using Section 4 of the Report as the basis for establishing the mechanisms**
 - **Establishment of non-constitutional institutions such as the Local Government Commission**
 - **Establishment of a legislative agenda for non-constitutional matters**
 - **Determination of provisions to be enshrined and the manner of enshrinement**
 - **Determination of how and when to deal with the referendable items**
 - **Determination of how and when to deal with the Constitution as a document with specific reference to its formulation in simple language;**

AND FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this Seventh Parliament record its advice and expectation that such elements of the Report as may be unimplementable by this Parliament by virtue of the unavailability of time will be deliberated on and concluded by the Eighth Parliament.

Passed by the National Assembly on 18th September, 2000

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