

SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION (1998-2000)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 62

WHEREAS article 212A of the Constitution has established an Ethnic Relations Commission;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with article 212B(1) of the Constitution, the Ethnic Relations Commission shall consist of –

- (a) not less than five nor more than fifteen members nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, including entities, representative of religious bodies, the labour movement, the private business sector, youth and women, after the entities are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly;
- (b) a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following commissions to be established under this Constitution, Indigenous People's Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission, Commission for the Rights of the Child and Human Rights Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly determines the entities to nominate members of the Ethnic Relations Commission, in accordance with article 212B (1)(a) of the Constitution, to be as set out in the First Schedule attached;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the number of nominees for each group of entities be as follows:-

<u>Group of Entities</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
Christian Religion	One Member
Hindu Religion	One member
Muslim Religion	One Member
Trade Unions	One Member
Private Sector Organisations	One Member
Youth Organisations	One Member
Women Organisations	One Member

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the consensual mechanism for the nomination of the members by the entities be as set out in the Second Schedule attached.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Groups and Entities within each Group to Nominate Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission :

Religious Bodies:**Islamic Bodies**

The Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana
 Guyana Islamic Trust
 Guyana United Sadr Islamic Anjuman
 Anjuman Hifazatul Islam
 Hijatul Ulama

Hindu Bodies

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha
 Guyana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha
 Guyana Pandits Council
 Guyana Maha Kali
 Guyana Central Arya Samaj
 Guyana Arya Pratinidhi Sabha

Christian Bodies

Members of The Guyana Council Of Churches
 The Alleluias Church
 African Methodist Episcopalian
 African Methodist Episcopalian (Zion)
 The Anglican Church of Guyana
 The Church Of God
 Ethiopian Orthodox Church
 Guyana Congregation Union
 Guyana Presbyterian Church
 The Lutheran Church of Guyana
 The Methodist Church in Guyana
 Moravians
 Outreach Ministry
 Roman Catholics
 The Salvation Army
 Guyana Missionary Baptists

Non-Members Of The Guyana Council Of Churches**The Wesleyan Church****New Testament Church Of God****Assemblies Of God In Guyana****Christian Brethren Mission****Guyana Conference Of Seven Day Adventists****District Centre Church Of the Nazarene****Full Gospel Ministries****National Spiritual Assembly Of The Bahais Of Guyana****The Jewish Orthodox Church (Apostolic Faith)****The Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council****The Labour Movement Bodies****Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)****Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)****Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)****Guyana Labour Union (GLU)****Printing Industry Allied Workers Union (PIAWU)****National Association Of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)****General Workers Union (GWU)****Guyana Local Government Officers' Union (GLGOU)****Guyana Mining, Metal and General Workers Union (GMMGWU)****Guyana Postal and Telecommunications Workers Union (GP&TWU)****Association of Masters and Mistresses (AMM)****National Union Of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)****Clerical and Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)****University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)****Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)****Guyana Agricultural and General Workers Union (GAWU)****Union Of Agricultural and Allied Workers (UAAW)****National Mining and General Workers Union (NM&GWU)****University Of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)****Private Business Sector Bodies****Guyana Private Sector Commission****Guyana Manufacturers Association****Guyana Forest Products Association****Guyana Gold And Diamond Miners Association****Association Of Non-Traditional Exporters****Guyana Rice Millers and Exporters Development Association****Aircraft Owners Association Of Guyana****Shipping Association Of Guyana****The Tourism And Hospitality Association Of Guyana****Georgetown Chamber Of Commerce and Industry****Berbice Chamber Of Commerce And Development Association****Linden Chamber Of Industry And Commerce****Consultative Association Of Guyanese Industry**

Youth Bodies

Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
 National Youth Commission
 Georgetown Youth Leaders Council
 Progressive Youth Organisation
 Guyana Youth And Student Movement
 The United Force Youth Arm
 Working People's Alliance Youth Organisation
 Volunteer Youth Corps
 Guyana Scouts Association
 Young Men's Christian Association
 Trades Union Council Youth Movement
 University Of Guyana Student Society
 Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders
 Muslim Youth Organisation
 Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
 Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
 Girl Guides Association
 Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association Under 20's Club
 Moravian Youth Club
 Young Women's Christian Association
 Church Of Christ Youth Group
 Roman Catholic Youth Office
 Youth Ambassadors First Assembly of God
 Ghandi Youth Organisation
 Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
 Youth Achievers
 Guyana Junior Chamber
 Methodist Youth Club

Women Bodies

National Commission On Women
 Red Thread Women's Development Project
 Young Women's Christian Association Of Guyana
 Women's Progressive Organisation
 National Congress Of Women
 Church Women United
 Methodist Women League
 TUC Women's Advisory Council
 Anglican Mother's Union
 Women Across Differences
 Central Islamic Organisation Of Guyana (Women)
 The United Force Women's Auxiliary
 Salvation Army Home League
 Congregational Women's Union
 Lutheran Church Women
 Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha's Mahila Mandale
 Federation Of AME Women
 Police Wives Association
 Guyana Federation Of Women's Institutes

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities of Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission

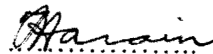
All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, should be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet, on a day/date, time and place to be agreed by them, to determine their Nominee (and one substitute who would replace the Nominee on the Ethnic Relations Commission in the event that the Nominee is no longer able to function) for Membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission. Where there is a recognised "umbrella organisation" for the Group, the Clerk should write to that organisation and copy his letter to each of the "constituent entities" within the Group.

The Nominee and Substitute chosen by the Group must be persons 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 unquestioned and unblemished honesty and integrity.

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

A deadline should be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly by which time he would be formally notified of: the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee; the "process/procedure" used for the selection of the Nominee; the number of Entities within the Group which were "properly" represented when the Nominee was selected; and a "statement" to the effect that the Nominee is supported and accepted by the majority of Entities within the Group.

Passed by the National Assembly on 11th December, 2000



F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly