

SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

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FIRST SESSION (1992-1994)  
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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RESOLUTION NO. 41  
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WHEREAS Guyana is a Party to the decisions which emanated from the 15th Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community held in Barbados from 4 - 7 July, 1994;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned Conference of Heads of Government of Caricom emphasised its recognition that the resolution of the political crisis in Haiti, a Caribbean country, is one to which all the countries of this geo-political region, in cooperation with the international community in general, must make a meaningful contribution, and reiterated its readiness to do so;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned Conference recognised the necessity of now considering the early implementation of all appropriate measures towards the resolution of the Haitian crisis, the restoration of the democratic process and the return of President Jean Bertrand Aristide to his rightful place as elected President of Haiti;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned Conference agreed to provide assistance in concert with other members of the international community, in the development of a civilian force as a professional organisation for maintaining the peace and respect for human rights in that strife-torn country;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council has adopted Resolution 940(1994) on 31 July 1994;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned Resolution recorded that the Security Council was gravely concerned by the significant further deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Haiti, in particular the continuing escalation by the illegal de facto regime of systematic violations of civil liberties, the desperate plight of Haitian refugees and the recent expulsion of the staff of the International Civilian Mission (MICIVIH), which was condemned in its Presidential statement of 12 July 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Security Council in the aforementioned Resolution recognised the unique character of the present situation in Haiti, and that its deteriorating, complex and extraordinary nature, required an exceptional response;

AND WHEREAS the Security Council by the aforesaid Resolution 940, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, authorized Member States to form a multinational force under unified command and control and, in this framework, to use all necessary means to facilitate the departure from Haiti of the military leadership, consistent with the Governors Island Agreement, the prompt return of the legitimately elected President and the restoration of the legitimate authorities of the Government of Haiti, and to establish and maintain a secure and stable environment that will permit implementation of the Governors Island Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned Resolution invited all States, in particular those in the region, to provide appropriate support for the actions undertaken by the United Nations and by Member States pursuant to this and other relevant Security Council resolutions;

AND WHEREAS Guyana, being a Member of the United Nations, is obligated to abide by mandatory Resolutions of the Security Council;

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AND WHEREAS Guyana participated in the Meeting of Caricom policy makers and Heads of Military and Police Personnel regarding the implementation of Resolution 940;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid Meeting agreed that those CARICOM Forces which will be participating in the MNF, would concentrate on peacekeeping and reconstruction;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid Meeting also agreed that such forces would only be deployed once a fair degree of stability had been established;

AND WHEREAS it is the collective intention of the Caricom countries to participate in the MNF at approximately stage 3 of the first phase of implementation of Resolution 940, that is following the departure from Haiti of the military Regime and the establishment of a fairly stable environment;

AND WHEREAS under section 7 of the Defence Act, Cap. 15:01 of the Laws of Guyana, the approval of the National Assembly is required for the employment of any part of the Guyana Defence Force out of or beyond Guyana;

RESOLVED, That the National Assembly hereby approves of the employment of troops of the Guyana Defence Force outside of Guyana to participate in the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 940 in conformity with the decision of the Caricom Heads of Government.

Passed by the National Assembly on 22nd September, 1994.

  
F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly