

**SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

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**FIRST SESSION (1992-1994)**  
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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 42**  
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WHEREAS the Fifth Inter-sessional meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, in Kingston, St Vincent and the Grenadines agreed that the Caribbean Community's members states would indicate to the United States their desire to be listed as eligible for accession to the North American Free Trade Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Heads of Government recognised "that the implementing legislation for NAFTA did not seek to alleviate the potential adverse impact" on the economies of the Region;

AND WHEREAS the Heads recognised that NAFTA is a critical factor which has implications for the immediate development of the Region, and decided to seek to be included in the list of countries eligible for early negotiations for entry into NAFTA:

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Community Secretariat has been mandated to organise a comprehensive study of the implications of NAFTA and NAFTA membership for CARICOM and its individual member states;

AND WHEREAS it was also agreed, at the Fifth Inter-sessional meeting of Heads of Government to continue to seek parity of treatment for CBI excluded products since the negotiating process for negotiating the Community's relationship with NAFTA may take some time;

AND WHEREAS the President of the United States of America has assured the Chairman of the Caribbean Community that the Government of the United States in consultation with the Congress is examining a package of measures to address the concerns of the Community on the impact of NAFTA on their economies;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has been discussing with the private and public sector agencies the implications of the North American Free Trade Agreement;

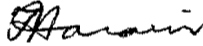
AND WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America has submitted a draft Bilateral Investment Treaty and a draft Intellectual Property Rights Agreement to the Government of Guyana for its consideration;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is committed to ensuring the involvement of every interested citizen and organisation in the national consultations on the draft Treaty and Agreement and on the implications of the North American Free Trade Agreement;

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RESOLVED that this National Assembly supports the initiative of the Government to promote the national interest of Guyana as well as its commitments to the Caribbean Community in seeking accession to the NAFTA;

Passed by the National Assembly on 10th November 1994.

  
F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly