

**SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

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**FIRST SESSION (1992-1996)**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 73**

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WHEREAS over 19th to 24th August, 1995, there were massive leaks of tailings through the impoundment dam at OMAI;

AND WHEREAS the President proclaimed the Omai and Essequibo Rivers as an Environmental Disaster Zone, and proposed the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly on 24th August, 1995, unanimously passed a motion, which amongst other things, endorsed the proclamation and the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the President appointed this Commission on 7th October, 1995, and the Commission presented its report on 8th January, 1996;

AND WHEREAS this Report was laid in the National Assembly on 19th January, 1996, and has been available for study and review by all and, in particular, the Minister responsible for Mines and Minerals, Officers of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, and the Environmental Unit of the Office of the President;

AND WHEREAS the Assembly specifically required that the commercial operations of the Omai Gold Mines Limited remain closed and only recommence on the basis of an examination of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry and the environmental audit:

**RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly take note of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry and agree that the Operations at Omai Gold Mines Limited should be restarted at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.

*Passed by the National Assembly on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1996*

  
F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly