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COMMISSION

COMMISSION TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE EMPLOYERS IN THE TIMBER INDUSTRY CAN, IN RELATION TO THEIR EMPLOYEES, AFFORD TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM WAGE RATES RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN RESPECT OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

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Arthur Chung, President. By His Excellency ARTHUR CHUNG, President of Guyana and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of Guyana.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, that the President may issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners and authorising such Commissioner or Commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare;

AND WHEREAS I am of the opinion that it would be for the public welfare that an inquiry should be held to determine whether the employers in the Timber Industry can, in relation to their employees, afford to implement the minimum wage rates recently introduced in respect of persons employed in the public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the aforesaid provision and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I do by this Commission appoint and authorise — David Ford Retired Permanent Secretary,
Public Service Ministry.

Holford Simon Forest Economist, Ministry of Energy

and Natural Resources.

Anthony Houston Secretary Accountant, Guyana National

Engineering Corporation.

George Henry Assistant General Secretary,

Guyana Labour Union.

Peter Leon Willems Finance Director, Willems Timber

& Trading Co., Ltd.

to be Commissioners to:-

1. examine the cost of production of and the prices obtainable for, forest products including other relevant factors thereto; and

2. inquire as to whether the employers in the Timber Industry can, having regard to such examination, afford to implement, in relation to their employees, the minimum wage rates recently introduced in respect of persons employed in the public service and make such recommendations in respect thereof as they see it.

I DIRECT that DAVID FORD shall act as Chairman of the Commission;

AND I FURTHER DIRECT that the Chairman and any two Commissioners shall constitute a quorum;

AND I FURTHER DIRECT that the inquiry shall be held in GEORGE-TOWN, or at any other place to which the inquiry may, from time to time, be adjourned by the Commissioners.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of Guyana at Guyana House, Georgetown, this 8th day of December, 1977, in the eighth year of the Republic.

By His Excellency's Command.

J. A. Orderson, Secretary to the Office of the President.