

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE EIGHT PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

REPORT

of the

**CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE SELECTION OF NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION**

(Resolution No. 62 of 2000)

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Presented by the Clerk of the National Assembly

on

8TH JANUARY, 2003

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8th January, 2003

TRANSMITTAL LETTER
from
The CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Your Honour,

Resolution No. 62 of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament, determined the entities to nominate members of the Ethnic Relations Commission, and assigned the Clerk of the National Assembly the task of writing to all the entities so determined 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.

That task has now been completed and I am very pleased to attach hereto a report on its outcome for presentation to the National Assembly.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Isaacs', written over a dotted line.

Sherlock E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

The Hon. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, SC, MP,
Speaker of the National Assembly,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

Report of the Clerk of the National Assembly on the Selection of Nominees for Membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission

1. INVITATION TO ENTITIES TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Article 212A of the Constitution has established an Ethnic Relations Commission with article 212 B(1) providing for its composition.

On 11th December, 2000, the National Assembly of the First Session (1998 - 2000) of the Seventh Parliament of Guyana passed Resolution No. 62 which -

- (i) determined the entities to nominate members of the Ethnic Relations Commission in accordance with article 212 B (1) (a) of the Constitution,
- (ii) set out the number of nominees for each group of entities,
- (iii) determined the consensual mechanism for the nomination of members by each group and,
- (iv) assigned the Clerk of the National Assembly the task of inviting entities in each group to select a nominee (and substitute) for the Membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission.

Acting in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule of Resolution 62 (see Appendix 1) my predecessor in office on 8th March, 2002 addressed letters to -

- (i) the following umbrella organisations:
 - (a) The Chairman of the Guyana Council of Churches as the recognised "umbrella organisation" for the **Christian Bodies**; a copy of that letter was forwarded to each of the constituent entities,

- (b) The Secretary General of the Guyana Trades Union Congress as the recognised “umbrella organisation” for the **Trade Unions** in Guyana; a copy of that letter was forwarded to each of the constituent entities,
 - (c) The Chairman, Private Sector Commission as the recognised “umbrella organisation” for the **Private Sector Bodies**; a copy of that letter was forwarded to each of the constituent entities.
- (ii) the following organisations as coordinators -
- (a) the Chairperson of the National Commission on Women requesting her Commission to act as a coordinator of the **Women’s Bodies** for the selection purpose; a copy of the letter was forwarded to each of the Women’s bodies, and
 - (b) the Chairman of the National Youth Commission requesting his Commission to act as a coordinator of **Youth Bodies** for the purpose of the selection; a copy of letter was forwarded to each of the youth bodies.
- (iii) each of the constituents of the undermentioned groups of entities -
- (a) **Islamic -**
The Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana,
Guyana Islamic Trust,
Guyana United Sadr Islamic Anjuman,
Anjuman Hifazatal Islamic Organisation, and
Hijatul Ulamaa

(b) **Hindu -**

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

2. RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Friday, 12th April, 2002, was the deadline set by which time formal notification of particulars of the nominees, the process/procedure used for the selection of the nominees and other particulars as set out in the Second Schedule to Resolution No. 62 should be submitted.

The Guyana Council of Churches, the recognised umbrella organisation of the Christian Churches, formally submitted its notification of the selection of the nominee and substitute of the Christian Bodies on 8th April, 2002.

The Chairman of the National Youth Commission reported on 8th April, 2002 as follows:

“ . . . Correspondence from you dated on the 11th March 2002 indicated that all youth groups listed in the Second Schedule was written to by you. In that correspondence these groups was asked to contact me so that arrangements can be put in place for a meeting, and subsequent nomination of the youth representative and his/her alternate. Unfortunately to date only three organisations have contacted me, and efforts made by my office to contact the others have not been productive.

In light of this your advice is sought on whether to proceed with a meeting of those who have indicated an interest. I will also like to know whether parliament would provide any assistance in order to convene this meeting . . . ”

In my reply dated 21st April, 2002 to the Chairman of the National Youth Commission I said in part:

“ . . . With reference to your enquiry about assistance to convene a meeting, I regret to inform you that Parliament Office does not have the resources to place at the disposal of the Commission on Youth to enable it to proceed with the required nominations.

However, may I suggest that you bring this matter to the attention of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport and solicit from him the requisite assistance that will enable your Commission to convene a meeting to determine a nominee and one substitute for membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission .

It may be prudent for invitations to be extended to all youth bodies named in the First Schedule to Resolution No. 62 to attend the meeting convened for the nomination process. In this circumstance, no one will be in a position of accusing the National Youth Commission in being selective in its approach to the process. . .”

Apart from the above two organisations no nomination or report was received from the other groups of entities by the deadline. However, some members within the various bodies of the group of entities erroneously embarked on nominations of their own which were submitted to me.

It is pertinent to bring to the attention of the National Assembly the following letter dated 14th March, 2002 from the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai’s of Guyana:

“Dear Sir,

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your letters of 11 March regarding nomination of a member to the Ethnic Relations Commission. We appreciate the inclusion of the Baha’i Faith in arrangements for the establishment of this Commission.

We wish to point out, with respect, that the Baha’i Faith is an independent religion and does not fall within the grouping of the various Christian bodies. The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of Guyana was incorporated by act of Parliament passed on 9 December 1976. The Faith is unified and has no factions: it has its own divinely revealed Book of Laws - The Kitab-i-Aqdas.

It is our view that in the circumstances the Faith should be allowed the same privilege as each other religious grouping.

Sincerely,

Sgd. Hazel Griffith

Secretary”.

The reply to this letter dated 19th March, 2002 was as follows:

“Dear Ms Griffith

Thank you for your letter dated 14th March, 2002 informing me that the Baha’i Faith is an independent religion and does not fall within the grouping of the various Christian bodies.

The intent of the National Assembly was to take into consideration only the three major groups of religious bodies - Christians, Hindus and Muslims. Its placing the Baha’i Faith within the Christian grouping was certainly an error. I can assure you that this action was not meant to embarrass or insult your Faith. The inclusion of the Baha’i Faith in the Resolution is evident of the high esteem accorded it by the National Assembly.

By a copy of this letter, I am bringing your letter to the attention of the Honourable Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and the Chairman of the Guyana Council of Churches.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Maurice B. Henry

for Clerk of the National Assembly”.

Many oral reminders were made and, eventually, written reminders dated 31 July 2002 were sent to the groups of entities with outstanding nominations to hasten the process. This was partly successful with responses received from:

- (i) The Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana on behalf of the Muslim Religious Bodies - dated August 3, 2002;
- (ii) The Private Sector Commission of Guyana Limited for the Private Sector Bodies - dated 15th August, 2002;
- (iii) Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha for Hindu Religious Bodies - dated October 18, 2002;
- (iv) National Youth Commission for Youth Organisations - dated 20th November, 2002
- (v) National Commission on Women for Women Bodies - undated.

At the time of preparing this Report the Guyana Trades Union Congress has failed to respond.

3. NOMINEES AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES

I now give below the nominees and their respective substitutes for six of the seven groups of entities for Membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission:

1. CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Nominee:	Dr. Juan Anthony Edghill
Designation/Occupation:	Minister of Religion
Permanent Mailing Address:	26 D'urban St., Lodge, Greater Georgetown.
Telephone No.	592 225 3020
Fax No.	592 223 5457
Email Address:	bishopedghill@hotmail.com
Substitute:	Pastor Roy K. Thakurdyal
Permanent Mailing Address:	Lutheran Courts, New Amsterdam, P.O. Box 88, Berbice.
Telephone No.	592 333 3452
Fax No.	592 333 6479
Email Address:	lc@guyana.net.gy
Selection Process/Procedure:	See Appendix 2.

2. HINDU RELIGION

Nominee:	Pandit Ramkissoon Maharaj
Designation/Occupation:	Attorney-at-Law
Permanent Mailing Address:	144 Pike Street, Kitty, Greater Georgetown.
Telephone No.	226 0207; 226 9541
Substitute:	Mr. Radha Krishna Sharma
Occupation:	Chief Executive Officer/Banker
Permanent Mailing Address:	374 Republic Park, East Bank Demerara.
Telephone No.	227 3682

Fax No. 592 333 6479
Selection Process/Procedure: See Appendix 3.

3. MUSLIM RELIGION

Nominee: **Mr. Shahabudeen Mc Doom**
Designation/Occupation: Barrister-at-Law
Permanent Mailing Address: 15, Mc Doom Village, Greater Georgetown.
Telephone No. 592-22-6629
Fax No. 592-22-6629
Email Address: k983@solutions2000.net
Substitute: **Mr. Shafeek Khan**
Occupation: Retired Public Officer
Permanent Mailing Address: 59, Anna Regina, Essequibo Coast.
Telephone No. 592-771-4313
Fax No.
Selection Process/Procedure: See Appendix 4.

4. PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATION

Nominee: **Mr. Norman McLean**
Designation/Occupation: Major General (Ret'd)/Human Resource Manager,
Omai Gold Mines
Permanent Mailing Address: 277, Forshaw Street, Queenstown, Georgetown.
Telephone No. 226-6463
Fax No.
Email Address: ng_mclean@cambior.com
Substitute: **Mr. L. John P. Willems, A.A.,**
Designation/Occupation: Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission
Permanent Mailing Address: 240, Camp Street, South Cummingsburg.
Telephone No. 226-5634
Fax No. 226-5634
Email: Ljp@networksgy.com
Selection Process/Procedure: See Appendix 5.

5. YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Nominee: **Dr. Frank Christopher Stanislaus Anthony**
Designation: Chairman, National Youth Commission
Occupation: Medical Doctor
Permanent Mailing Address: Project Management Unit
Georgetown Hospital Compound
East Street, Georgetown.
Telephone No. 226-6222
Fax No. 225-6559
Email Address: anthony67@medscape.com
Substitute: **Dr. Rajendra Singh**
Designation: Government Medical Officer
Occupation: Medical Doctor
Permanent Mailing Address: 46, Pere Street,
Kitty, Greater Georgetown.
Telephone No. 225-2447
Email Address: drajsingh@yahoo.com
Selection Process/Procedure: See Appendix 6.


6. WOMEN ORGANISATIONS

Nominee: **Ms Cheryl Sampson**
Designation/Occupation: Administrative Manager,
Guyana In-Service Distant Education Project
Permanent Mailing Address: 215, Uitvlugt, West Coast Demerara.
Telephone No. 268-2326 (H)
227-2865 (O)
Fax No. 592 252 3947
Email Address: cheryls@networkysgy.com
Substitute: **Leila Austin**
Designation: Retired Lecturer
Occupation: Director of Austin Book Service

Permanent Mailing Address: 202-203 Jackson Drive, Republic Park,
East Bank Demerara.
Telephone No. 223 5811(H)
227 7395 (O)
Fax No. 227 7396
Email: austin@guyana.net.gy
Selection Process/Procedure: See Appendix 7.

7. **TRADE UNIONS**
(No nomination)

Other information on the process/procedure on the nominations may be obtained from the relevant file at Parliament Office.


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Sherlock E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

Parliament Office,
Public Buildings,
8th January, 2003.

APPENDIX 1
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:-

Group of Entities	Number of Members
Christian Religion	One Member
Hindu Religion	One Member
Muslim Religion	One Member
Trade Unions	One Member
Private Sector Commission	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**

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 Sanitan 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 Bretheren 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
 Young 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 Mandala
 Federation Of AME Women
 Police Wives Association

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.

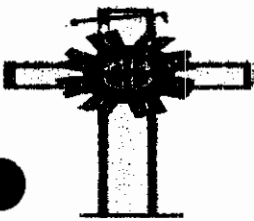
The Nominee and Substitute chosen by the group must be persons who are competent to contribute positively to the work of the commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestioned and unblemished honesty and 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 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



APPENDIX 2

GUYANA COUNCIL of CHURCHES

26 Durban Street Lodge Georgetown, Guyana.

Chairman

Rt. Rev. Dr. Juan A. Edghill
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Rev. Gordon Hamlet
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2nd. Vice- Chairman

Rev. Roy Thakudyal
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Secretary

Rev. Nigel Hazel
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Treasurer

Rev. Barrington Litchmore
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April 8, 2002

F.A. Narain
Clerk of the national Assembly
Parliament Office
Public Buildings
Georgetown
Guyana

Re: Nomination of Christian Representative and Substitute to the Ethnic Relations Commission

Dear Sir,

Prior to March 19, 2002 invitations were issued by telephone to representatives of the six Christian groups as listed on your schedule to attend a meeting hosted by Bishop Dr. Juan A. Edghill, Chairman of the Guyana Council of Churches at the Guyana Council of Churches temporary office, 26 Durban Street Lodge, Georgetown Guyana. The purpose of that meeting was to decide on the process / procedure for the nomination of the Christian Nominee and Substitute to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

The attendees at that meeting were the following: Guyana Evangelical Fellowship, Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, The Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council and Guyana Council of Churches. There were two absentees namely: the

**National Assembly of the Bahai's of Guyana and The Jewish Orthodox Church
(Apostolic Faith).**

The Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists indicated at this meeting that they will not be submitting a nominee but will support a nominee submitted.

At this forum there was a consensus on the process/ procedure for the nomination. Outlined is the process:

- The returning officer was selected, namely Pastor Hubert Jack of the Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.
- The date of March 27, 2002 was set for the various groups to submit the names of their nominees and substitutes.
- The names of the nominees and substitutes were to be submitted to the temporary office of the Guyana Council of Churches by 11:00 hours on March 27, 2002 to the returning officer.
- Wednesday April 3, 2002 was set for voting on the nominees and the substitute.
- The time was set for 17:00 hours at the office of the Guyana Council of Churches 274 West Ruimveldt Front Road.
- Representatives of all twenty -five denominations as listed on the schedule from Parliament office is to attend and has only one vote.
- Voting will be done by secret ballot.

However at 11:00 hours on March 27, 2002 only three respondents had submitted nominees namely: Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, The Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council and the Guyana Council of Churches. The time was extended to 12:00 hours by the returning officer. Attempts were made by telephone during the extended period to contact the groups who had not yet submitted their nominees. A copy of a letter was received from the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's indicating their position (same letter was sent to the Clerk of the National Assembly). At the close of the nominations the submissions remained the same.

The nominees were Bishop Dr. Juan Anthony Edghill and retired Chief Justice Randolph Harper with the substitute being Pastor Roy Thakurdyal.

These nominees were communicated to the five Christian groups who were expected to have representatives present on April 3, 2002 meeting to vote for the representative and substitute.

On Wednesday April 3, 2002 only thirteen denominations were present namely: Ethiopian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Christian Brethren Mission, African Methodist

Episcopalian (Zion), Moravians, District Centre Church of the Nazarene, Full Gospel Fellowship, Assemblies of God in Guyana, Wesleyan Church, African Methodist Episcopalian, Guyana Conference of Seventh day Adventists, Outreach Ministries International and the Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council although all twenty-five were contacted via telephone on Tuesday April 2, and Wednesday April 3, 2002. Messages were left for persons who were not spoken to directly.

Two denominations namely The Methodist Church in Guyana and The Lutheran Church of Guyana indicated by letter their inability to attend the meeting but indicated their votes in favour of Bishop Dr. Juan Anthony Edghill representative and Pastor Roy Thakurdyal as the substitute.

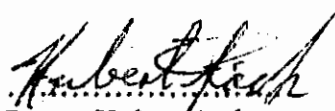
All thirteen denominations present were eligible to vote the result after the casting of the ballots were:

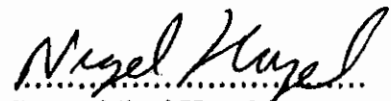
- Bishop Dr. Juan A. Edghill - nine (9) votes by secret ballot
- Mr. Rudolph Harper - (1) vote by secret ballot.
- Three (3) votes were recorded as spoilt. (nothing was submitted on the ballot paper).
- Pastor Roy Thakurdyal was the only nominee for the substitute representative.

The ballots were counted in the presence of all present with Rev. Gordon Hamlet and Mr. Patrick Benjamin witnessing the count.

The results of the process showed that eleven votes were cast in favor of Bishop Dr. Juan A. Edghill and one in favor of Mr. Rudolph Harper. This showed that Bishop Dr. Juan A. Edghill is the Christian Representative to the Ethnic Relations Commission with Pastor Roy Thakurdyal being the person elected as the substitute representative.

As the Returning Officer for the process I submit to you the Clerk of the National Assembly the procedure and the results of the process. Bishop Dr. Juan A. Edghill has been elected the Christian Representative and Pastor Roy Thakurdyal the Substitute Representative of the Ethnic Relations Commission.


Pastor Hubert Jack
Returning Officer
for the process


Pastor Nigel Hazel
Secretary
Guyana Council of Churches

Information on Christian Representative to the Ethnic Relations Commission

Full Name: Bishop Dr. Juan Anthony Edghill

Designation / Occupation: Minister of Religion

Passport Number:

Permanent Mailing Address: 26 Durban Street Lodge, Greater Georgetown, Guyana

Telephone Number: 592 225 3020

Fax number: 592 223 5457

Email Address: bishopedghill@hotmail.com

Information on Substitute Representative

Full Name: Pastor Roy K. Thakurdial

Designation / Occupation: Minister of Religion

ID Number: 1887084

Permanent Mailing Address: Lutheran Courts New Amsterdam PO Box 88, Berbice

Telephone Number: 592 333 3425

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President
Pdt. REEPU DAMAN PERSAUD, J.P., M.P.

APPENDIX 3

GUYANA HINDU DHARMIC SABHA

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October 18, 2002

Mr. S.E. Isaacs
Clerk of the National Assembly
Parliament Office
Public Buildings
Georgetown

Dear M. Isaacs,

Ethnic Relations Commission

A meeting was convened on October 17, 2002 at which Hindu organizations were represented and it was agreed that the Hindu representative on the above Commission will be –

Pandit Ramkissoon Maharaj – Attorney-at-Law
143 Pike Street
Kitty
Telephone 2260207 2269541

Mr. Radha Krishna Sharma Substitute Representative
CEO/Banker
374 Republic Park, E.B.D.
Telephone 2273682

Attached is a confirmation to the above nominations signed by the Hindu Organisations.

Yours sincerely

C. Gajraj (Mrs.)
General Secretary

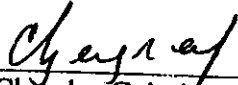
ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

We confirm the following nominations to the above Commission:-

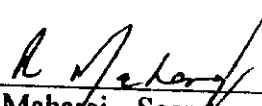
Pandit Ramkissoon Maharaj
Mr. Radha Krishna Sharma

Alternate representative

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha


Chandra Gajraj - General Secretary

Gandhi Youth Organisation


R. Maharaj - Secretary

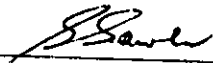
Guyana Pandits' Council


R. Sharma

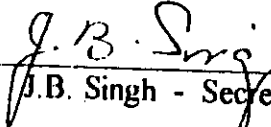
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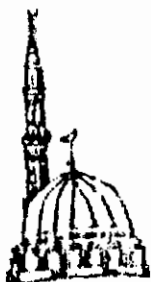
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J.B. Singh - Secretary

APPENDIX 4



THE CENTRAL ISLAMIC ORGANISATION OF GUYANA

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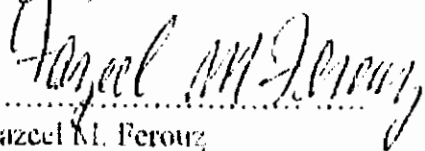
Mr. S.E Isaacs
Clerk of the National Assembly
Parliament Office
Public Building
Georgetown
August 3, 2002

RE: Nomination of a Member of the Ethnic Relations Commission

Dear Mr. Isaacs,

Thank you for your letter dated July 31, 2002. To begin with I must apologize for the delay on our part regarding this matter. Nonetheless I am pleased to inform you that we have concluded the consultation and have arrived at the names - Mr. Shahabadeen Mc Doom (Representative) and Mr. Shafiq Khan (Deputy). Our report on the process by which these names were arrived at is attached. You should likewise feel free to contact us should you require any clarification.

Regards,


Fazeel M. Ferouz
President
Central Islamic Organization of Guyana

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REPORT ON MEETING OF MUSLIM BODIES
FOR ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, 21st March, 2002

Commenced at 2:10 p.m.

Present were:

Mr. Sattam Gafoor (Chairman)
Mr. Sultan Hack (Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana)
Mr. Habib Qasim (Hujjatul Ulama Guyana)
Mr. Kayum Hack (Anjuman Ulfazatul Islam – Guyana)
Mr. Yacoob Hussain (Guyana United Sakh Islamic Anjuman)
Mr. Kerry Arbue (Scribe)

Opening Prayer

Mr. Gafoor introduced himself and asked if there were any objections to his being the Chairman. No objections were raised.

The Chairman made it known to all present that the C.I.O.G. Secretariat had contacted the Guyana Islamic Trust who indicated that they would not be able to attend and that they wished for the meeting to continue in their absence.

The Chairman briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting and read from the initial correspondences (Appendix I) to reacquaint all present with the background to the Ethnic Relations Commission. The stipulated characteristics of the person to occupy the position were also read. The Chairman noted that no specific profession was stipulated. There was a brief discussion and clarification on these matters.

It was agreed that voting would take place by a show of hands after verbal nominations.

The Chairman indicated that he was accepting nominations for position of representative of the Muslim community in Guyana to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

Mr. Habib Qasim nominated Shafeek Khan (description see Appendix)
The nomination was not seconded.

Mr. Yacoob Hussain nominated Shahabdeen Mc Doom (description see Appendix)
Mr. Kayum Hack seconded the nomination.

The Chairman asked all in favor of Shafeek Khan as the Muslim representative to the Ethnic Relations Commission to indicate their votes by show of hands. The Chairman counted and announced one (1) vote.

The Chairman asked all in favor of Shahabadeen Mc Doom as the Muslim representative of the Ethnic Relations Commission to indicate their vote by show of hands. The Chairman counted and announced three (3) votes.

The Chairman declared Mr. Shahabadeen Mc Doom the duly elected representative of the Muslim community to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

The Chairman then indicated that he was accepting nominations for the position of Deputy Representative of the Muslim community of Guyana to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

Mr. Yacoob Hussain nominated Shafeek Khan. Mr. Kayume Hack seconded this nomination.

There were no other nominations.

The Chairman asked all in favor of Shafeek Khan as the Deputy Muslim representative to the Ethnic Relations Commission to indicate their vote by a show of hands. The Chairman counted and announced four (4) votes.

The Chairman declared Shafeek Khan the Deputy Representative of the Muslim community to the Ethnic Relations Commission by unanimous vote.

It was clarified by Mr. Habib Qasini that Mr. Shafeek Khan was prepared to accept any designation pertaining to the duty.

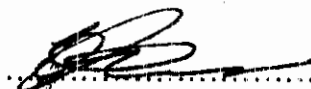
The Chairman declared that Mr. Shahabadeen Mc Doom was the duly elected representative of the Muslim community to the Ethnic Relations Commission and that Mr. Shafeek Khan was the duly elected deputy.

Remarks and vote of thanks by Chairman

Closing prayer

Closed at 2:47 p.m.

Prepared by:


..... 18 / 06 / 2002
(Scribe)

Appendix :

Description of Nominated Individuals

- Mr Shahabadeen McDoom

A well respected remigrant member of the Muslim Community. A Barrister at Law by profession Mr. McDoom was described as widely traveled. He has been an active member of the Muslim community in the U.K where he served as a lawyer. Served on the constitutional reform commission in Guyana, where he is also a very active member of the Muslim Community. He expressed his willingness to serve as the Muslim representative on the Ethnic relations commission if elected to Mr. Sultan Hack and others.

- Mr. Shafcek Khan

A retired regional education officer from Anna Regina, Mr. Khan now serves as an Imam for a mosque in that locality. He is also described as widely traveled and experienced in both Islamic as well as secular affairs. He is well respected within and without his community. He expressed his willingness to serve in any capacity relating to the matter of the Ethnic Relations Commission to Mr. Habib Qasimi.



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December 13, 2002

Maurice Henry,
Parliament.

Dear Sir:

Sub: Ethnic Committee Nominee

This serves to inform you that the personal details of Mr. Shahabudeen Mc Doom and Mr. Shafeek Khan are:

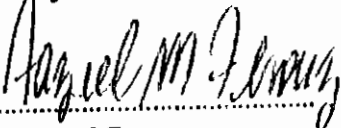
1. Shahabudeen Mc Doom:

Permanent Address: 15 Mc Doom Village
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2. Shafeek Khan:

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Essequibo Coast, Guyana.
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All for your information.



Mr. Fazeel Ferouz
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Signature: _____

Date: 13/12/02



THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMISSION OF GUYANA LIMITED

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15th August 2002

**Mr. S.E. Isaacs
Clerk of the National Assembly
Parliament Office
Public Buildings
Brickdam
Georgetown**

Dear Mr. Isaacs

PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR BODIES NOMINEE AND ALTERNATE TO THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

On Thursday, 15th August 2002 at 3:00 pm the Private Business Sector Bodies listed in your correspondence of 11th March 2002 met to elect a nominee and alternate to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

The following Organisations were represented at the meeting:

1. Guyana Private Sector Commission
2. Guyana Manufacturers Association
3. Guyana Forest Products Association
4. Guyana Rice Millers & Exporters Development Association
5. Aircraft Owners' Association of Guyana Inc.
6. Tourism & Hospitality Association of Guyana Ltd.
7. Georgetown Chambers of Commerce & Industry Inc.
8. Berbice Chamber of Commerce & Development Association Ltd.
9. Linden Chamber of Industry & Commerce
10. Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry Ltd.

We received four (4) nominations for this position and agreed by consensus that the person receiving the highest number of votes would be our nominee while the person receiving the second highest number of votes would be our alternate. After voting by secret ballot the person selected as our nominee is Mr. Norman Mc Lean and as our alternate Mr. John Willems.

I hope that the above information satisfies our obligation to select a nominee and alternate to the Ethnic Relations Commission. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Peter de Groot

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Dr. Peter de Groot
Chairman

APPENDIX 6

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

26th November, 2002

Mr. Sherlock Isaacs
Clerk of the National Assembly
Parliament Building
Brickdam, Stabroek
Georgetown

Dear Mr. Isaacs,

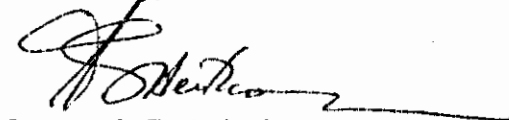
Re: Youth Nominee and Substitute to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

On 22nd November 2002 a second meeting with the youth organizations listed in the 2nd Schedule were held for the purposes of deciding on the youth nominee and his/her alternate to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

At the meeting it was decided by consensus that Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony, the Chairman of the National Youth Commission is the nominee. It was also decided by majority vote that Dr. Rajendra Singh, representing Ghandi Youth Organization would be the alternate.

Attached to this letter is supplementary documentation involving the process and organizations involved.

Yours truly,



Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony
Chairman of the National Youth Commission.

Cc. Hon. Gail Texiera – Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports
Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud – Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Supplementary Information on the Ethnic Relations Nomination

Youth Nominee to the Ethnic Relations Commission

Name: Frank Christopher Stanislaus Anthony

Designation: Chairman National Youth Commission

Occupation: Medical Doctor

National ID Number:

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Georgetown Hospital Compound,
East Street, Georgetown. Guyana

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Substitute youth nominee to the Ethnic Relations Commission

Name: Rajendra Singh

Designation: Government Medical Officer

Occupation: Medical Doctor

National ID Number: 2122881

Permanent Mailing address: 46 Pere Street, Kitty. Georgetown. Guyana.

Telephone: 225-2447

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Process for Selection of the Nominee and Substitute

The chairman of the National Youth Commission was asked by parliament on the 11th March to convene a meeting with youth organizations listed in the second schedule of Resolution No. 62. The clerk of the National Assembly had also written to all these organizations urging them to participate in the process.¹ Three organizations indicated interest in participating in the process. Advice was sought from parliament on how to proceed.²

Advice was received from the clerk of the National Assembly.³ Letters were sent out to all organizations listed in the second schedule on the 17th October 2002 for a meeting on the 25th October 2002. At the meeting of the 25th October, 2002 held at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture boardroom the following organizations were represented:

1. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony -- Chairman of the National Youth Commission.
2. Mr. Kenroy Roach -- Volunteer Youth Corps.
3. Mr. Rudolph Dyal -- Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Youth
4. Mr. Anand Ragnauth -- Guyana United Youth Society
5. Dr. Rajendra Singh -- Ghandi Youth Organization
6. Mr. Shafdar Alli -- Progressive Youth Organization.

The decision taken at this meeting was that a third and final meeting would be held at the same venue on the 22nd November 2002. It was decided that at that meeting the nominee and his/her alternate would be decided.⁴

Invitations were sent out on the 13th November 2002 to all youth organizations listed in the second schedule, inviting them for a meeting on the 22nd November 2002. The purpose of the meeting was explicitly stated, along with information that this meeting would decide on the nominee and the alternate.⁵

¹ Mr. Maurice B Henry's letter on the 11th March 2002.

² Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony's letter to the clerk of the National Assembly on the 8th April, 2002.

³ Mr. Maurice B Henry's letter on the 21st August 2002.

⁴ Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony's letter to the clerk of the National Assembly on the 28th October, 2002.

⁵ Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony's letter of invitation to organizations listed in the second schedule.

On the 22nd November 2002 the following persons from these organizations attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony – Chairman of the National Youth Commission.
2. Mr. Kenroy Roach – Volunteer Youth Corps.
3. Mr. Ian Kissoon – Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Youth
4. Mr. Anand Ragnauth – Guyana United Youth Society
5. Dr. Rajendra Singh – Ghandi Youth Organization
6. Mr. Shafdar Alli – Progressive Youth Organization.
7. Mr. Clayton Pitt – Guyana Youth and Students Movement.
8. Rev. Arlene J Bruce – Methodist Church of Guyana
9. Mr. Gavin Agard – Roman Catholic Youth Office

At this meeting it was decided by consensus that Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony is the youth representative to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

For the alternate to Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony it was decided that persons would be nominated and those present would vote for the candidate of their choice by secret ballot.

Mr. K. Roach, Mr. I. Kissoon and Rev. Arlene J Bruce were all nominated but declined. Dr. Rajendra Singh was then nominated by Mr. Shafdar Alli and seconded by Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony. Mr. Clayton Pitt was nominated by Mr. Gavin Agard and seconded by Dr. Rajendra Singh. After three rounds of balloting Dr. Rajendra Singh won by majority vote.

A letter was sent out on the 26th November 2002 to all organizations listed in the second schedule informing them of the decision taken at the meeting on the 22nd November 2002.

APPENDIX 7

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WOMEN
SECRETARIAT
1 Water & Cornhill Street
Stabroek, Georgetown

The Clerk of the National Assembly
Parliament Office
Parliament Buildings
Brickdam, Georgetown

Dear Sir,

Nomination of a Member of the Ethnic Relations Commission

In response to your request that the National Commission on Women convene a meeting to determine a nominee and one substitute for membership on the above-mentioned Commission, I now inform you that the meeting was convened on Monday, September 16, 2002 in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, commencing at 13:30 hours.

Please find attached the following information:

- i) The Agenda for the Meeting.
- ii) The list of representatives of organizations who attended.
- iii) The information on the nominee and the substitute as requested by you.
- iv) A statement that the nominee and substitute were both accepted by majority acclaim.

The Chairperson, National Commission on Women and the officers of the Women's Affairs Bureau discussed the selection process. This group agreed to recommend to the representatives that:

- i) Voting should be by ballot. The letterhead paper of the Ministry would be used and would carry the stamp of the Women's Affairs Bureau.
- ii) Two proposals were made, namely, either voting separately for the persons required, or selecting the person with the highest number of votes as the Nominee. The person with the second highest number of votes would be selected as the Substitute.
- iii) A Non-Women's Affairs Bureau Officer of the Ministry would be asked to be the Returning Officer.
- iv) The names of those appearing to the ballots would be listed and displayed and the votes recorded publicly against their names.
- v) The Returning Officer would declare the outcome.

It was agreed that these recommendations would be laid before the group of representatives for discussion and decision.

The representatives decided after discussion that the process was acceptable, but that each representative should list the names of other persons on the single ballot sheet, instead of voting separately for each position. This was the process used.

Magda Pollard

Yours sincerely,
Magda Pollard
Chairperson, N.C.W

**SELECTION of a Member of the
Ethnic Relations Commission**

AGENDA

1. Mandate as stated in letter from Clerk of the National Assembly.
2. Statement
3. Questions and Responses
4. Process of Nomination and Selection of Nominee and Substitute
5. Information/data to be sent to Clerk of the National Assembly
6. Brief Profile of nominee
7. (a) Selection of Nominee
(b) Selection of Substitute



MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES & SOCIAL SECURITY

Lot 1 Water and Cornhill Streets
Georgetown, Guyana

September 6, 2002

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WOMEN

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Dear Colleague,

“Nomination of a Member of the Ethnic Relations Commission.”

The National Commission on Women has been requested to convene a meeting of Women's Organisations to determine a nominee for membership of the Ethnic Relations Committee.

The National Commission on Women is inviting you to attend a meeting on Monday, 16, September 2002 at 13:30hrs (1:30pm) in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security for this purpose.

Please make a special effort to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary
National Commission on Women

Permanent Secretary
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Minister
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**NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WOMEN
SECRETARIAT
1 Water & Cornhill Street
Stabroek, Georgetown**

STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

After the declaration of the results of the selection process for membership on the Ethnic Relations Commission, the Chairperson of the National Commission on Women requested the group to indicate their support and acceptance of the Nominee and the Substitute.

There was acclaimed by the representatives attending the meeting.

Magdalen Petrewood

Chairperson
National Commission on Women

Report of the meeting for nominations of a Member of the ethnic Relations Commission held on Monday, September 16, 2002.

Present were:

Ms Magda Pollard	-	National Commission on Women
Ms Waveney Benjamin	-	Church Women United
Ms Cheryl Sampson	-	National Congress of Women
Ms Jean Sahadeo	-	Women's Progressive Organisation
Ms Vindhya Persaud	-	Mahila Mandalee
Ms Patrice La Fleur	-	Women Across Differences
Ms Vivienne Jonas	-	Salvation Army House League
Ms Waveney Lee	-	Youth Women's Christian Association
Ms Lucy Daniels	-	Guyana Federation of Women's Institute
Ms Wendella Roberts	-	Anglican Mothers' Union
Ms Jean Smidh	-	Trades Union Congress/Women's Auxiliary Council
Ms Daphne Niles	-	Women's Affairs Bureau
Ms Pauline Bassier	-	Women's Affairs Bureau

Ms Magda Pollard, Chairperson of the National Commission on Women chaired the session. Ms Ann Greene, Chief Probation & Welfare Officer served as the Returning Officer.

Ms Magda Pollard referred to the mandate as stated in the letter from the Clerk of the National Assembly for this forum.

The Role/Function/Status of the nominee was highlighted as someone who would be able to serve full time, be dedicated and rise to the responsibility. The Nominee must be a person who is competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and is committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. The Nominee should have earned public respect.

There was a general discussion on the process of nomination and selection of the Nominee and Substitute.

It was agreed on that each representative nominate a person and give a brief profile of the nominee.

It was also agreed on that each representative vote for two persons – the one with the highest vote to be the Nominee on the Ethnic Relations Commission and the one with the second highest vote to serve as the Substitute.

The meeting proceeded with the selection of the Nominee and Substitute. Each representative was given a ballot paper.

- Each representative wrote two names.
- The ballot paper was collected and counted. The results are as follows:

Result of the election

Nominee	-	Ms Cheryl Sampson	-	5 votes
Substitute	-	Ms Leila Austin	-	4 votes

No. of persons voting	-	10
No. of votes cast	-	20

The group agreed to support and accept the elected persons.

ING FOR SELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION 16/09/02

NAME	ORGANISATION	SIGNATURE
WIVELEY BENJAMIN	Church Women United	W. G. Benjamin
CHERYL SAMPSON	National Congress of Women	Cheryl Sampson
(Jean) M. Salgado	WPO	M. Salgado
VINDHYA VASINI PERSAUD	MAHILA MANDALEE	V. Persaud
Patrice D. A. LaMour	Women Across Differences	Patrice LaMour
Vivene Thomas	The Salvation Army	Vivene Thomas
WAVENBY LEE	Y.W.C.A.	Wavenby Lee
LUCY DANIELS	Guyanese branch of W.I.	Lucy Daniels
WENDY ROBERTS	ANGELICAN MOTHERS' UNION	Wendy Roberts
Jan Smith	TUC - W.A.C	Jan Smith

Ministry of Labour Human Services
and Social Security
WOMEN'S AFFAIRS BUREAU
Administrator

ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

NOMINEE

NAME: Cheryl Sampson

DESIGNATION: Officer -- Guyana In-Service Distant Education Programme, Ministry of Education

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ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

SUBSTITUTE

NAME: Leila Austin

DESIGNATION: Retired Lecturer
Director of Austin Book Service

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RESOLUTION

100th Anniversary of the Formation of the Pan American Health Organisation Presented by Hon. Dr. Leslie Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Pan American Health Organisation is celebrating its 100th Anniversary December 2nd, 2002. The Minister of Health is requesting the National Assembly to approve the following as part of Guyana's acknowledgement of the role of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) in Public Health in the Americas and in Guyana.

Resolution

Recognizing that the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) is the oldest international health organisation in the world, serving the interests and needs of the people of the Americas and that it has served as a precursor to the formation of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1949 and serve as its Americas Bureau.

Acknowledging the leadership that the Pan American Health Organisation has demonstrated throughout the region of the Americas and in general to the world, and in particular, in Guyana, its role in reducing the transmission of vector borne illnesses in the nineteen fifties and sixties, eradication of small pox, wild polio virus transmission and the practical elimination of measles from Guyana and the English - speaking Caribbean and its assistance in controlling rubella in Guyana.

Acknowledging further role of Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) in promoting a successful immunization and vaccination program, leading to elimination and control of several infectious diseases.

Bearing in mind the significant role the Pan American Health Organisation has played in promoting south - south technical cooperation in health through such modalities as the Caribbean Cooperation in Health Initiative of which Guyana has been a significant beneficiary and its important role in the elimination of filariasis by 2010 in Guyana.

Considering that its specialized technical centers have built regional capacities and supported the governments' and people desire to achieve better health and recognizing especially the role of CAREC in elevating the status of regional disease surveillance efforts, especially in the HIV/AIDS, and laboratory strengthening, particularly in the area of blood banking, CFNI through their

strategies in reducing the incidence of nutritional disorder and promoting healthy lifestyles and more recently the role of Panafroza in supporting Guyana's successful efforts in attaining foot and mouth free status;

In the light of health sector reform being a formidable role - played by PAHO in advocating for and elevating the status of essential public health functions and promoting cross - sectoral collaboration for a Shared Agenda for Health in the Americas.

And in tribute to the committed and high quality work and leadership of Sir George Alleyen, Director of Pan American Health Organisation and Dr. Ciro de Quadros of the Immunization Program, both of them retired this year.

Resolves to:

1. Congratulate the secretariat on the attainment of the centenary of the formation the Sanitary Bureau;
2. Congratulate the bureau on the achievements which it along with the countries have achieved in the past one hundred years and the leadership in sanitary affairs demonstrated to the rest of the world;
3. Encourage the further strengthening of the key principles of the Organisation of equity and Pan Americanism;
4. Support the aims and aspirations of the smaller states of the Caribbean including Guyana in health matters, through enhanced technical cooperation and the strengthening of the regional centers CAREC and CFNI.
5. Congratulate and extend best wishes to Sir George Alleyen and Dr. Ciro de Quadros for their outstanding records in public health in the Americas.



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Dr. Leslie Ramsammy
Minister of Health
Guyana

December 3rd 2002