

COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA



SECOND REPORT

ON THE

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ON

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

(Resolution No. 33 of 1999)

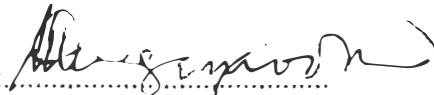
January 31, 2000


**SECOND REPORT
ON
THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

1. This is the second monthly report to the National Assembly on the status of work of the Oversight Committee on Constitutional Reform, pursuant to the instructions and requirements of Resolution No. 33, passed by the Assembly on December 6, 1999. The first report had been presented by the Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud OR, JP, MP, Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs on December 20, 1999. That Report informed the Assembly of the names of the persons who would constitute the Oversight Committee and of the Terms of Reference of that Committee.
2. The members of the Oversight Committee (OSC) were all appointed formally by letters dated December 31, 1999 with effect from January 1, 2000.
3. The inaugural meeting of the OSC took place on January 14, 2000 in the Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings. Appendix A to this report comprises the Minutes and related documentation of that inaugural meeting. In summary, the meeting discussed and determined the main administrative and procedural arrangements for the work of the OSC. These comprised, mainly:
 - (a) The appointment of the Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo as the Chairman to preside over the meetings of the OSC;
 - (b) The appointment of the Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo as Head - Project Implementation;
 - (c) The appointment of Mr. W. Haslyn Parris as Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring;
 - (d) Clarification of the Terms of Reference of the OSC;
 - (e) Presentation of:
 - (i) the Job Descriptions of the Head - Project Implementation, and the Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring;
 - (ii) The Organisation Chart of the activity of the OSC;
 - (iii) The Allocation of Categories of recommendations by the Select Committee to Task Forces;
 - (iv) The Assignment of oversight responsibilities for individual Task Forces to specific members of the Oversight Committee;
 - (v) Guidelines, comprising Terms of Reference and General Methodology, for the work of Task Forces; and
 - (vi) The Role of the Legal Advisory Group.
 - (f) Initial consideration of the modalities of keeping the public informed of the OSC's work and of the method of dealing with the media.

All the items listed above were finalised, with the exception of items (e) (v) and (f) which were deferred for finalisation at the next OSC meeting.

4. The second OSC meeting took place on January 26, 2000 in the Parliament Chamber. Appendix B to this report comprises the Minutes and related documentation of that second meeting.
5. At that second meeting
 1. the Guidelines for Task Forces were approved (refer to item 3(e)(v) above);
 2. the Terms of Reference for the Legal Advisory Group was adopted; and the Time Bound Plan for the OSC's work was approved, including the timetables for the work of the non-drafting Task Forces; and
 3. the members of the non-drafting Task Forces were determined in accord with the results of consultations that Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud had conducted with individual members of the OSC; and it was agreed that further additions of personnel to strengthen any task force could be made through consultation of the responsible supervising OSC member with the Chairman.
6. With respect to matters dealing with the media, and with keeping the general public informed, the decision was made that: the press would be free to attend all plenary sessions of the OSC, but not the meetings of individual task forces; the OSC would make such press releases as it judged necessary; and that the press would be allowed access to the confirmed minutes of OSC meetings. It was observed that the OSC's monthly reports to the Assembly would be in the public domain once they had been laid. These arrangements were adjudged sufficient to facilitate transparency in the work of the OSC.
7. This report of the OSC's work during January, 2000, together with its Appendices A and B, has been adopted and approved for transmittal to the National Assembly by the third plenary meeting of the OSC, which took place on Monday January 31, 2000. The time-bound plan for the drafting of Constitutional Revisions is being submitted separately to the Assembly for its approval in keeping with the requirement of Resolution No. 33.

Signed: 
Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo
Chairman, OSC on Constitutional Reform
& Head - Project Implementation

Signed: 
W. H. Parris
Co-ordinator, Planning & Monitoring
OSC on Constitutional Reform

Dated: January 31, 2000

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2. Terms of Reference of Oversight Committee
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1. Minutes of second Oversight Committee Meeting (Wednesday 26 January, 2000)
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3. OSC Time-bound Plan
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5. Number of Recommendations per Category of Task Forces
6. Initial List of Members of Task Forces A1, A2, B, C, D.

APPENDIX A

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN, ON FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, 2000 at 3.15 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P.,
Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (7)

CHAIRMAN (1) - People's Progressive Party/Civic

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.,
Minister of Information - Head, Project Implementation.

Other Members -

From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (2)

Dr. Roger F. Luncheon,
Head of the Presidential Secretariat.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,

From the People's National Congress (2)

Mr. W. Haslyn Parris, C.C.H.,
Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring.

Mr. Vincent Alexander

From The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

From the Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P.

Officers (3)

Mr. Maurice B. Henry,
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Oscar E. Moore,
Administrative Assistant

Ms Debra H. Cadogan
Administrative Assistant

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 At 3.10 p.m. the Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, called the inaugural meeting of the Oversight Committee to order.
- 1.2 He extended a warm welcome to Members of the Committee, other officials and members of the Press.
- 1.3 **Tribute to the late - Hon. Michael Shree Chan, former Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry and a Member of Parliament**
 - 1.3.1 Tributes were paid to the late Hon. Michael Shree Chan, former Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry who died on 12th January, 2000 by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Parris, Mr. Nadir and Dr. Roopnarainc.
 - 1.3.2 As a mark of respect, Members stood in silence for one minute.
- 1.4 **Introductory Remarks by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs**
 - 1.4.1 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs in his introductory remarks traced the various phases of the Constitutional Reform process from the appointment of the Special Select Committee on Constitutional Review on 1st December, 1994 to the establishment of the Oversight Committee on Constitutional Reform. For the purpose of the Record, he read the following Resolution which provided for the establishment of the Oversight Committee:

WHEREAS the National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana, on 9th August, 1999, approved of the establishment of a Special Select Committee to consider the Report of the Constitutional Reform Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee presented its Report to the National Assembly on 11th November, 1999:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana -

- Express its thanks to the Special Select Committee for its Report, and
- Adopt the Report of the Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- That the Government, in consultation with the Political Parties represented in the National Assembly, and with civil society as necessary, establish forthwith an **Oversight Committee** with appropriate Terms of Reference and Authority, that is charged with the responsibilities of:

Preparing for the approval of the Assembly, a time-bound plan for the drafting of Constitutional Revisions;

Overseeing and guiding the implementation of the Recommendations of the Report of the Special Select Committee; and

Submitting written monthly progress reports to the Assembly, the first such report being made not later than 31st December, 1999;

- That the **Oversight Committee** be required to give priority to the establishment and functioning of separate **Task Forces** mandated to pursue, in accordance with the target dates of the Herdmanston Accord, the implementation of the recommendations pertaining to:

Reform of the Electoral System; and

Establishment of the Ethnic Relations Commission.

(Passed by the National Assembly on 6th December, 1999).

1.4.2 He expressed confidence that the experience and ability of Members, would ensure that the Committee would be able to achieve its objectives.

1.5 **Administrative Arrangements for the OSC**

1.5.1 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs informed Members that while he was not a Member of the Oversight Committee, he was charged with the responsibility to provide guidance to it. He was also required to receive its monthly reports for onward transmission to the National Assembly.

1.5.2 He announced that the following administrative arrangements were put in place to enable the Committee to function effectively within the ambit of its Terms of Reference:-

1. **Chairman**

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo would be the Member to preside over the meetings of the Oversight Committee.

2. **Head - Project Implementation**

Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo had been appointed as Head - Project Implementation.

3. **Coordinator - Planning and Monitoring**

Mr. W. Haslyn Parris had been appointed as Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring.

4. **Secretariat of the OSC**

The Secretariat of the OSC would be the well established one which had served previous Parliamentary Select Committees and would be supervised by Mr. Maurice B. Henry with whom they were all familiar.

1.5.3 He, thereafter, installed the Hon. Nagamootoo as Chairman, invited Mr. Parris to sit at the Head Table and congratulated them.

1.5.4 Mr. Nadir expressed his concern over the fact that the Oversight Committee was not involved in the decision making process in respect of the administrative arrangements outlined by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs.

1.5.5 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs in response stated that the arrangements were made in keeping with the responsibility imposed on the Government by the Resolution of the National Assembly.

1.6 **Assumption of Chairmanship by the Hon. Nagamootoo**

1.6.1 At 3.30 p.m. the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to the Hon. Nagamootoo.

1.6.2 On assuming the chairmanship of the meeting, the Hon. Nagamootoo expressed his gratitude to the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs for bringing the process up to that stage. He welcomed Members and said that he looked forward to their full co-operation and support in the final phase of the Constitutional Reform process. He added that he considered it a privilege to be working again with Mr. Parris.

ITEM 2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Members adopted the Agenda.

ITEM 3 BUSINESS

3.1 **Organisation of the Work of the Oversight Committee (OSC)**

3.1.1 (a) **Clarification of Terms of Reference of the OSC**

3.1.1.1 The Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring presented *Document No. 1 - Terms of Reference of the OSC* - which he explained was relevant to this item and had been previously circulated with the letters of appointment of Members.

3.1.1.2 No questions were raised.

3.1.2 (b) **Arrangements for Coordination of the work of the OSC, including specifically the roles of the Coordinator, Planning & Monitoring, and the Head - Project Implementation.**

3.1.2.1 The Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring presented *Documents No. 2 and No. 3 - Job Descriptions of the Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring and Head - Project Implementation*, respectively, and stated that they set out the responsibilities of each of the officials.

3.1.2.2 There was no discussion on these documents.

3.1.3 (c) **Organisation Chart of the activity of the OSC**

3.1.3.1 The Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring, presented *Document No. 4 - Organisational Chart of the OSC Activity* - and explained the functions of and the relationship among its various components. In his explanation he emphasised that the main function of the Task Forces A1, A2, B, C and D, assisted by the Legal Advisory Group, was to produce drafting briefs for Task Force E whose main responsibility was to provide the Oversight Committee with the complete set of Constitutional Revisions for debate, amendment and approval.

3.1.3.2 No discussion took place on this document.

3.2 **Task Forces of the OSC**

3.2.1 (i) **Allocation of Tasks to Task Forces**

3.2.1.1 The Coordinator presented *Document No. 5 - Categories of Task Forces* - and explained that in this document the Task Forces were categorised as A1, A2, B, C, D and E. A subset of the Recommendations of the Constitution Reform Commission (9.1 through 9.23) was allocated to each Task Force, except to E, as detailed in the document. Task Force E was concerned with the revision and drafting of articles of the Constitution.

3.2.1.2 The membership of each Task Force would be between three and five persons.

3.2.1.3 He also indicated that the selection of persons for appointment to the Task Forces had not been concluded.

3.2.1.4 On a point of order Mr. Nadir queried whether it was not the function of the Oversight Committee to select and appoint the members of the Task Forces. The Chairman responded that that task could be done under the guidance of the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs.

3.2.1.5 It was, thereafter, decided that the Chairman would consult with the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs on the selection and appointment of members of the Task Forces.

- 3.2.1.6 It was recognised that there was overlapping of categories. The Coordinator requested that wherever these occurred the Task Forces involved should bring these to the attention of the Head, Project Implementation and the Oversight Committee. A decision would then be made as to which Task Force would deal with what recommendation.
- 3.3 (ii) **Allocation to members of the OSC of Oversight Responsibilities for individual Task Forces**
- 3.3.1 The Coordinator presented *Document No. 6 - Initial Allocation of Task Force Recommendations to OSC Members*. He explained that Document No. 6 showed who was the OSC Member responsible for individual Task Forces. While each of the Task Force Categories A1, A2, C and D was allocated to Mr. Nadir, Mr. Roopnaraine and the Hon. Nagamootoo, respectively, Task Force Category B was allocated to Dr. Luncheon and Mr. Alexander. Task Force Category E would report to the whole OSC which would be coordinated by the Head - Project Implementation.
- 3.4 (iii) **Terms of Reference of Task Forces & General Methodology**
- 3.4.1 The Coordinator presented *Document No. 7 - Guidelines for Task Forces*. He drew Members' attention to the importance of paragraph A.1 General Objectives and requested that they study the document for discussion at the next meeting.
- 3.4.2 With regard to the setting of timeframes for the Task Forces it was agreed that since the timeframes were important inputs for the preparation and completion of the **time-bound plan** for the drafting and adoption of the Constitution, the Coordinator should proceed, in consultation with the Member/s responsible for a Task Force, to prepare the draft timeframes for consideration at the next meeting.
- 3.5 (iv) **Role of the Legal Advisory Group**
- 3.5.1 The Coordinator stated the role of the Legal Advisory Group was to assist Task Forces A1, A2, B, C and D to draft briefs comprising the drafting instructions for Task Force E. He undertook to present the Group's Terms of Reference for consideration at the next meeting.

ITEM 4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**4.1 Presence of the Press at Meetings of the OSC**

The question of the presence of the Press at meetings of the OSC was raised and discussed. It was, however, agreed that further discussions and a decision on the matter should be deferred to the next meeting.

4.1.1 Date and Venue of next Meeting

4.1.2 It was agreed that the date and venue of the next meeting of the OSC would be communicated to Members by the Secretariat.

4.1.3 It was observed that for logistical reasons consideration should be given to the possibility of holding meetings of the OSC within the precincts of the Public Buildings.

4.2 Acknowledgements

4.2.1 The Chairman acknowledged the presence of Mr. Frank Narain, Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Oscar Clarke, General Secretary of the People's National Congress, Mr. E. Lance Carberry M.P., also of the People's National Congress and Mr. John Heffernan and Mr. Winston Cramer, Director and Assistant Director, respectively, of the National Democratic Institute.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned sine die.



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 Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.,
 Minister of Information,
 Chairman - Oversight Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE
of
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

In general terms, the Oversight Committee will be responsible for planning, monitoring, and overseeing the implementation of the recommendations for Constitutional changes that have been made by the Constitution Reform Commission, reviewed and endorsed by the Special Select Committee, and approved and adopted by the National Assembly through the Motion passed in the National Assembly on Monday 6 December, 1999

In carrying out the tasks to honour this responsibility, the Oversight Committee shall report to the Leader of Business in the National Assembly, with whom it shall liaise closely, from whom it shall accept guidance, and through whom it shall convey its written reports to the National Assembly.

The specific tasks which the Oversight Committee shall undertake shall include:

1. Preparing for the approval of the National Assembly, a time-bound plan for the drafting and adoption by the Assembly of Constitutional Revisions, which plan shall observe the various target dates specified in the Herdmanston Accord;
2. Establishing such Task Forces, together with clear terms of reference, as it deems necessary for the implementation of the plan approved by the Assembly, and as the Motion passed by the National Assembly has mandated, and monitoring the work of those Task Forces;
3. Identifying experts, together with their terms of reference, as it deems necessary for the execution of the tasks assigned to the Task Forces identified in paragraph 2 above.
4. Preparing for the use of the Government a project-type document to facilitate the adequate financing of the time-bound plan mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such document being constrained to minimise the costs of implementation by utilising maximally already existing and available resources and institutions under the control of the Government;
5. Preparing and submitting written monthly reports to the Leader of Business in the National Assembly, for onward submission to the Assembly, about the progress of the Constitution Reform Process, the first such report being due not later than 31 December, 1999.

16 December 1999

JOB DESCRIPTION
COORDINATOR - Planning & Monitoring

TITLE: Coordinator, Planning & Monitoring

REPORTS TO: Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs (*as the Leader of Government Business in the National Assembly*).

REPORTED TO DIRECTLY BY: Financial Administrator of the Oversight Committee

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The responsibilities listed and described hereunder shall be undertaken in close liaison with, and under the guidance of the Leader of Government Business in the National Assembly, and in collaboration with the Head - Project Implementation

(A) **Project Planning**

- A.1 Preparation, for the approval of the National Assembly, of a time-bound plan for the drafting and adoption by the Assembly of the Constitutional Revisions. This plan shall observe the various target dates specified in the Herdmanston Accord
- A.2 Preparation, for the use of the Government and of the Donor Community, of a project-type document to facilitate the adequate financing of the time-bound plan mentioned in paragraph A.1 above. This document shall be constructed to minimise the costs of implementation by utilising maximally already existing and available resources and institutions under the control of the Government
- A.3 Preparing the framework, including Terms of Reference, for the establishment of such Task Forces as are deemed necessary for the implementation of the plan approved by the Assembly, and as the Motion passed by the National Assembly on Monday 6 December, 1999 has mandated.
- A.4 Preparing the framework, including Terms of Reference, for the identification and engagement of such experts as are deemed necessary for the execution of the tasks assigned to the Task Forces identified in accord with paragraph A.3 above
- A.5 Liaising with the relevant Government and Donor Community officials to ensure the adequate and timely availability of financial and other resources required for the execution of the project described in paragraph A.2 above.

JOB DESCRIPTION (continued)
COORDINATOR - Planning & Monitoring

(B) **Project Monitoring**

- B 1 Monitoring the work of the Task Forces, and of the Oversight Committee, to ensure conformity with the timing and other aspects of the project plan, especially with respect to early identification, avoidance, and correction of likely deviations from the planned time frame for plan implementation

- B 2 Monitoring the adequacy and transparency of, and accountability for, the receipts and dispensation of financial resources associated with the project, by overseeing and guiding the work of the Financial Administrator of the Oversight Committee

Preparing and submitting written monthly reports to the Leader of Government Business in the National Assembly, for onward submission to the Assembly (and the Donor Community as necessary), about the progress of the Constitution Reform Process

END

8 January 2000

JOB DESCRIPTION
HEAD - Project Implementation

TITLE: HEAD - Project Implementation

REPORTS TO: Minister of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs (*as the Leader of Government Business in the National Assembly*)

REPORTED TO DIRECTLY BY: (a) Other Members of the Oversight Committee
(b) Leaders of Task Forces
(c) Administrative Head of the Secretariat servicing the Oversight Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The responsibilities listed and described hereunder shall be undertaken in close liaison with, and under the guidance of the Leader of Government Business in the National Assembly, and in collaboration with the Coordinator, Planning & Monitoring

Project Implementation

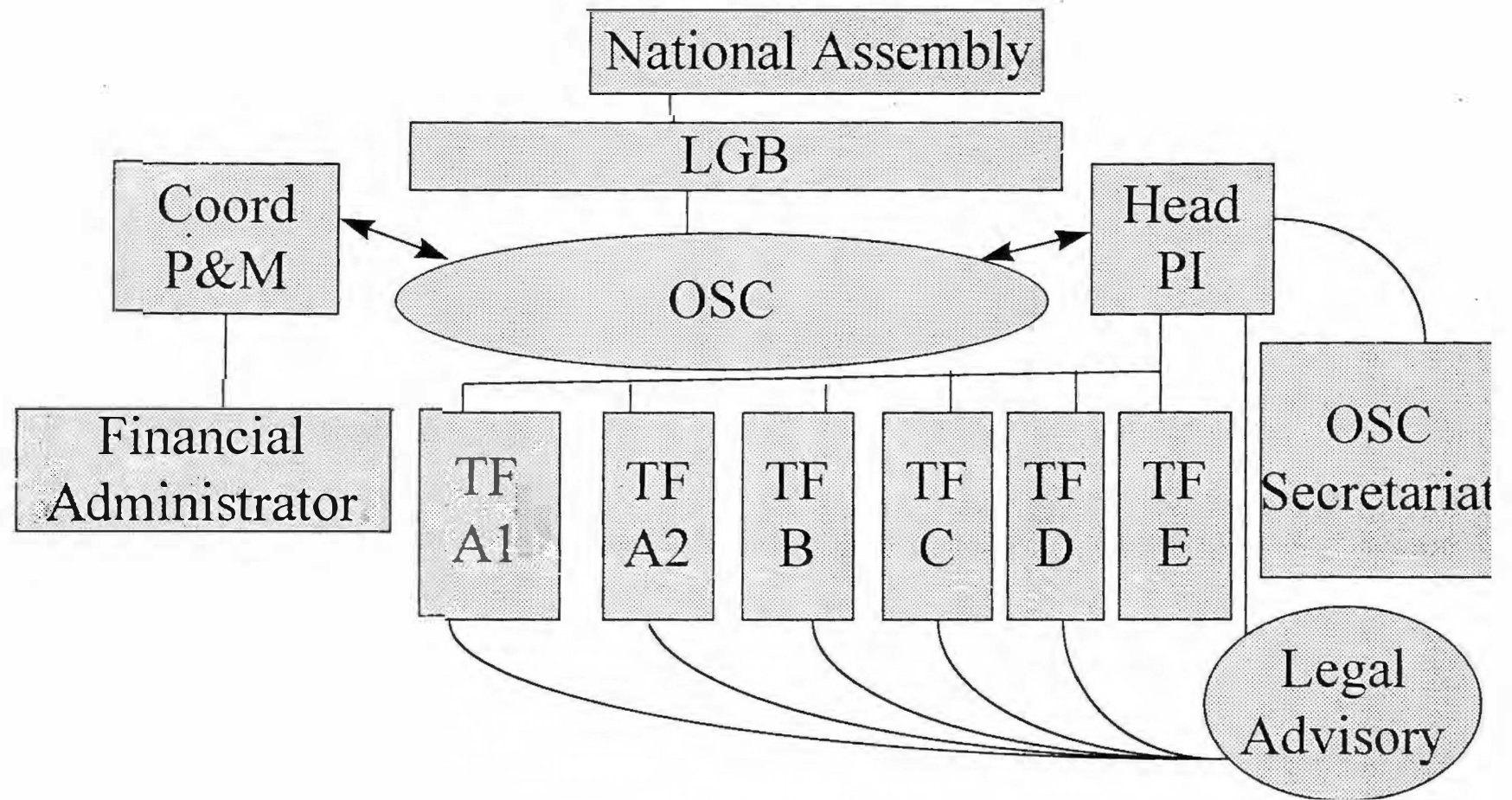
Overseeing, in accord with their Terms of Reference and as the Motion passed by the National Assembly on Monday 6 December, 1999 has mandated, the functioning of the Task Forces deemed necessary for the timely implementation of the plan approved by the Assembly

- 2 Overseeing, in accord with their Terms of Reference, the identification and engagement of the experts deemed necessary for the execution of the tasks assigned to the Task Forces
- 3 Overseeing the collaboration between Task Forces and the Legal Advisory Group in the preparation of the Drafting Briefs in accord with the time schedule required by the plan
- 4 Ensuring, in collaboration with the Administrative Head of the Secretariat servicing the Oversight Committee, the adequacy of the physical and other necessary arrangements for the Committee's work, and for the operation of the Task Forces

END

8 January 2000

Org Chart of OSC Activity



Categories of Task Forces

1. Category "A1"
 - 9.2 Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual
 - 9.3 Indigenous Rights
 - 9.4 Rights of the Child
 - 9.5 Gender Rights
 - 9.14 Right to Education
 - 9.20 Religion
2. Category "A2"
 - 9.1 Preamble To The Constitution
 - 9.12 The Constitution as a Document
 - 9.13 Land and Environment
 - 9.15 The Economy
 - 9.16 The Right and the Duty to Work
 - 9.17 Finance
 - 9.22 The State and the Constitution
 - 9.23 Constitution Reform for the Future
3. Category "B"
 - 9.8 Local Government
 - 9.10 Elections Commission
 - 9.11 Electoral System
4. Category "C"
 - 9.6 The Presidency
 - 9.7 Parliament
 - 9.18 National Security
5. Category "D"
 - 9.9 The Judicature
 - 9.19 Commissions
 - 9.21 Race Relations
6. Category "E"
 - Revision and Drafting of Clauses of the Constitution

Initial Allocation of Task Force Recommendations to OSC Members

Task Force Category	Recommendation ID Numbers	Responsible OSC Member/s
A1	9.2; 9.3; 9.4; 9.5; 9.14; 9.20	Mr. Manzoor Nadir
A2	9.1; 9.12; 9.13; 9.15; 9.16; 9.17; 9.22; 9.23	Dr. Rupert Roopnarainc
B	9.8; 9.10; 9.11	Dr. Roger F. Luncheon & Mr. Vincent Alexander
C	9.6; 9.7; 9.18	Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo
D	9.9; 9.19; 9.21	Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy
E	Drafts & Revisions of Clauses	Whole OSC coordinated by Head, PI

14 January 2000

GUIDELINES for TASK FORCES

A. RECOMMENDED GENERAL METHODOLOGY for TASK FORCES

A.1 General Objectives

The Terms of Reference of the Task Forces are provided below in Section C. These Terms of Reference are to be understood in the context of the work of the Task Forces being primarily focused on the Recommendations that have been made by the Select Committee and adopted by the National Assembly on Monday 6 December, 1999. It is **not** the intention that Task Forces should **either derive new recommendations, or amend existing ones**. Accordingly, whenever Task Forces perceive a need for interpretation of any recommendation, **they should be strictly guided by the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission and the Report by the Select Committee** referred to above. Should difficulties of interpretation persist despite reference to and study of those two documents, these difficulties should be referred to the member of the Oversight Committee overseeing the particular Task Force, who, in consultation with his Oversight Committee colleagues, will provide unambiguous instructions about how the Task Force should proceed.

A.2 Basic Reference Documents

In accord with the directives given in A.1 above, the main documents on which Task Forces should rely for the conduct of their work are:

- (i) This document of Guidelines;
- (ii) The Terms of Reference of the Task Forces as set out in Section C and mentioned in A.1 above;
- (iii) The existing Constitution;
- (iv) The Report of the Constitution Reform Commission;
- (v) The Report of the Select Committee which was adopted by the National Assembly on Monday 6 December, 1999; and
- (vi) The Terms of Reference of the Oversight Committee.

A 3 Necessary Specific Tasks to be performed by all Task Force Members

Generation of the outputs defined in Section C (*Terms of Reference of Task Forces*), in a timely manner consistent with the time frame implied by the *Terms of Reference of the Oversight Committee*, requires that all Task Force Members complete the following tasks:

- (i) Scanning of the six(6) documents defined in section A.2 above to achieve an intense familiarity with them, and in particular with the specific recommendations on which each member's Task Force is being required to deliberate.
- (ii) Preparing, for each Recommendation with which the Task Force has been asked to deal, a list of the specific clauses in the existing Constitution that need amendment, including new clauses that need to be added, and other clauses that may be affected by the amendments
- (iii) Identifying, in keeping with the rules for amendment in the existing Constitution, the mechanism that must be applied to each of the clauses identified in (ii) above to effect change, i.e. referendum, two-thirds majority, or simple majority in the National Assembly
- (iv) Determining whether the work of the Task Force requires the engagement of specific experts, and in the event that it does, participating in crafting appropriate terms of reference for such experts to facilitate their timely engagement
- (v) Collaborating among themselves and with the Oversight Committee in setting a timetable to be followed in the execution of each Task Force's work. This timetable will be a pivotal input to the generation of a time-bound plan for the drafting and adoption by the National Assembly of the Constitution revisions

B. RECOMMENDED SPECIFIC METHODOLOGIES for TASK FORCES

Since each Task Force will be dealing with different Recommendations, then in addition to the tasks and approaches detailed in section A above, there will be the need for each Recommendation to be associated with its own specific set of tasks for the accomplishment of each Task Force's output. The member/s of the Oversight Committee overseeing a Task Force's work shall be responsible for working with the Task Force to prepare, as quickly as possible, the List of Specific Tasks associated with each Recommendation

It is to be understood that the application of this methodology (both general and specific) is to be monitored by the Oversight Committee.

C. TERMS OF REFERENCE of TASK FORCES

C.1 General Responsibilities of Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", & "D".

For each of the Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", and "D", the essential task is to **produce drafting briefs** for the subset of recommendations [9.1 through 9.23] specifically assigned to the Task Force. These drafting briefs shall comprise the drafting instructions on the basis of which Task Force "E" will conduct its work.

C.1.1 Main Components of Drafting Briefs

- (i) Unambiguous identification of the Clauses or Sections of the existing Constitution that require drafting or revision
- (ii) For each Clause or Section identified for amendment, a clear but brief statement of the intention / objective of the change/s to be effected
- (iii) Wherever appropriate and possible, suggested wording of the revision to be made
- (iv) Preliminary identification of the list of related clauses or sections that might be affected by the new additions, deletions, or other changes being proposed; and that may therefore themselves require amendment

Specific Responsibilities of Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", "D".

1. To provide Task Force "E", having collaborated with the Legal Advisory Group, with Drafting Briefs for each of the areas of amendment in the Task Force's Categories of Constitution Reform Recommendations
2. To liaise closely with Task Force "E" for the purpose of supplying such clarifications or other instructions as Task Force "E" might require to produce the necessary revisions of clauses or sections
3. To undertake the tasks identified in paragraphs 1 & 2 above under the guidance of, and in close liaison with, the Oversight Committee, taking into consideration the time frame to be observed for the drafting process

C3. Specific Responsibilities of Task Force "E".

1. To liaise closely with Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", and "D" to ensure the clarity and accuracy of drafting instructions.
2. To apprise continually the Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", and "D", and through them the Oversight Committee, of the progress of the drafting process, with a view to observing the planned time frame requirements.
3. To inform the Task Forces "A1", "A2", "B", "C", and "D", and through them the Oversight Committee, of the Parliamentary Procedures required and proposed for giving effect to the Constitutional Revisions that have been drafted, bearing in mind the time frame requirements of the Herdmanston Accord
4. In accord with the preceding three paragraphs, to provide the Oversight Committee, and through it the National Assembly, with the complete set of Constitutional Revisions for debate, amendment, and approval
5. To amend and finalise the drafting, as dictated by the National Assembly's deliberations, of the complete set of Constitutional Revisions

END

W.H.P. 14 January 2000

APPENDIX B

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

**MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING
OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN,
ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2000
at 4.50 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (7)

CHAIRMAN (1) - People's Progressive Party/Civic

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.,
Minister of Information - Head, Project Implementation.

Other Members

From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (2)

Dr. Roger F. Luncheon,
Head of the Presidential Secretariat.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,

From the People's National Congress (2)

Mr. W. Haslyn Parris, C.C.H.,
Coordinator, Planning and Monitoring.

Mr. Vincent Alexander

From The United Force (1)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

From the Working People's Alliance (1)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P.

Officers (3)

Mr. Maurice B. Henry,
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Oscar E. Moore,
Administrative Assistant

Ms Debra H. Cadogan
Administrative Assistant

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 At 4.50 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2 AGENDA

2.1 Members adopted the Agenda.

ITEM 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 **Welcome**

3.1.1 The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members of the Committee, Officials, and members of the Media.

3.2 **Press Release by the OSC**

3.2.1 The Co-ordinator, in response to the Chairman's query as to whether he had any announcements to make, stated that recent articles appearing in the media led him to the conclusion that the public did not fully understand the functions of the OSC. He proposed that the Committee should consider issuing a press release clarifying the Committee's functions. He asked whether Members would wish to discuss the matter at that stage or when it proceeded to consider Item 4 (7) - Modules of keeping the public informed and methods of dealing with the Media.

3.2.2 On a proposal by Dr. Luncheon, Members agreed to amend the Agenda to enable the Committee to proceed with **Item No. 4 (7) as the first item under BUSINESS.**

3.3 **Replies to Correspondence**

3.3.1 The Chairman advised Members that in reply to his written requests -

- (a) he had received a letter from the Speaker of the National Assembly granting the Committee permission for its Meetings to be held in the Parliament Chamber and the Committee Room when their use was not required by the National Assembly or its Committees.
- (b) he had also received a letter from the Clerk of the National Assembly advising him that he would be willing to make available to the Committee the staff of the former Constitution Review Committee's Secretariat and the requisite equipment. He also assured the Committee of his full support.

3.3.2 It was ordered that copies of the letters from the Speaker and the Clerk to be circulated among Members.

3.4 **Meeting with European Commission's Ambassador**

3.4.1 The Chairman reported that on Wednesday, 19th January, 2000, the Coordinator and himself met with Ambassador Vincent De Visscher, Head of Delegation of the European Commission in Guyana and Suriname at the Ambassador's request and the behest of His Excellency, the President of Guyana and held exploratory talks on the work of the OSC.

3.4.2 The Ambassador expressed the European Commission's desire to conduct a needs assessment study in Guyana to ascertain what financial and other resources would be required at the various stages of the electoral process.

3.4.3 The Ambassador was advised that consideration would be given to proposals with respect to the work of the OSC and not the electoral process which was the responsibility of the State.

ITEM 4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 **Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Oversight Committee held on Friday, 14th January, 2000.**

4.2 **Corrections**

4.2.1 **Page 6**

4.2.2 Paragraph 3.2.1.5, line 1

4.2.3 **Insertion** of "and other Members of the OSC" after "Chairman".

- 4.2.4 **Page 7**
- 4.2.4.1 Paragraph 3.3.1, Line 5
Substitution of “Dr. Roopnaraine” for “Mr. Roopnaraine”.
- 4.2.3.2 Paragraph 3.3.1 line 6.
Insertion of “and Dr. Ramsammy” after “Hon. Nagamootoo”.
- 4.2.3.3 Paragraph 3.4.2, lines 4 and 5
Deletion of the words “,in consultation with Member(s) responsible for a Task Force,”.
- 4.3 The Minutes were confirmed as corrected on a motion moved and seconded by Dr. Roopnaraine and Dr. Luncheon respectively.

ITEM 5 BUSINESS

- 5.1 **Modalities of Keeping the Public Informed and Method of Dealing with the Media**
- 5.1.1 The Committee resumed consideration of the issue of the presence of the Media at the Plenary meetings of the OSC. Copies of the document “*Points Proposed for Inclusion in the OSC Press Release*” together with the following copies of newspaper clippings were circulated:
- 5.1.2 (a) *The Nation’s business must not be done in secret, are we going to have a “half-cooked Constitution” (Stabroek News, Saturday, January 22, 2000. Page 6).*
- (b) *Pollard voices concern about unresolved constitution issues - Questions if January 17, 2000 poll deadline can be met (Stabroek News - Monday, January 24, 2000. Page 2)*
- (c) *Is there enough time? (Stabroek News Editorial, Wednesday, January 26, 2000).*

- 5.1.3 The Coordinator referred to the articles, letters and comments appearing in the Media about the composition and work of the Oversight Committee which he observed had appeared to be informed by misunderstanding about the responsibilities of the Oversight Committee, and the nature of the process which it had been mandated to implement. He called attention to the above newspaper clippings in support of his observation and proposed that the Committee should issue a Press Release based on the seven points contained in the document **Points proposed for Inclusion in OSC Press Release** to provide clarification.
- 5.1.4 With respect to the need for holding OSC plenary meetings *in camera*, he pointed out that at that stage of the reform process sensitive issues would have to be fully ventilated, and it would benefit the work of the Committee to exclude the Media from the plenary meetings.
- 5.1.5 The Co-ordinator accordingly proposed that:
- (i) between the monthly report to the National Assembly which would automatically become a public document, Press Releases should be issued from time to time by the OSC for the purpose of clarifying issues which seemed in need of clarification.
 - (ii) the Committee should consider what other documentation or other types of communication, other than Press Releases, might be activated to ensure that there was no real or apparent hiatus of information flow between one monthly report and another.
- 5.1.6 Mr. Nadir rejected the proposal to issue a Press Release in response to the newspaper letters, articles and comments.. He supported the presence of the Media at the OSC plenary meetings.
- 5.1.7 Dr. Roopnaraine made the following points in his argument in support of the presence of the Media at the OSC plenary meetings -
- (i) the presence of the Media at deliberations of the Constitution Reform Commission and the Special Select Committee on Constitution Reform did not cause any inconvenience or embarrassment to the work of the two bodies;
 - (ii) sensitive issues with which those bodies were faced were discussed out of hearing of the Media;
 - (iii) excluding the Media from the OSC plenary meetings would, *ipso facto*, exclude the public including keen and interested observers;

- (iv) information concerning the work of the Committee should not be made available to the Media in a controlled form, that is, through the Committee's monthly report and Press Releases.

5.1.8 Dr. Luncheon stated that since his pronouncements at the last meeting of the Committee in support of the proposals by the Coordinator he has had cause to modify his views. He would support the middle position rather than the extremes of permitting Media presence or Media exclusion. The solution seemed to be in the proposals earlier made by the Coordinator. He would be inclined also to permit access to decisions taken at the OSC meetings.

5.1.9 The Chairman summed up the views expressed by Members and commented that his views were that it was not a matter of exclusion as against access. Exclusion would give the impression that the OSC was suspicious of the Media and would wish to exclude them. He interpreted the views of the Coordinator and Dr. Luncheon as not intending to deny the media access to information but that the information should be given periodically by the OSC as against having the media in attendance and reporting contemporaneously on the activities of the OSC. He regarded the proposals as simply endeavours to determine what were the best methods for attaining the successful and sustained work of the OSC within the timeframe.

5.1.10 He observed that the use of the word **exclusion** from time to time in the debate was unfortunate. The OSC had a responsibility to provide the Media with information, to be transparent and accountable to the public. As a consequence it would be wrong to regard the use of the word "exclusion" to mean banning. It should be made absolutely clear that the word had only to do with facilitating the critical work of the OSC at that the eleventh hour of the constitutional reform process.

5.1.11 Dr. Ramsammy observed that the arguments for and against the presence of the Media were sound. He, however, supported the presence of the Media at the OSC's plenary meetings.

5.1.12 The Coordinator, thereafter, made the following specific proposals -

- (1) That the Media be allowed to attend the plenary sessions of the OSC and not meetings of the Task Forces;
- (2) That the OSC should from time to time issue Press Releases as it saw fit;

(3) That the confirmed minutes of the OSC should be made available to the Media.

5.1.13 The Committee adopted the proposals.

5.1.14 Mr. Alexander enquired whether Members of the Committee would have the right to reply on occasions when the Media made inaccurate reports or comments on what Members might have said.

5.1.15 The Committee agreed that Members had the right to reply which the Chairman explained was an abiding principle of journalism.

5.1.16 It was agreed that the OSC should issue a Press Release based on the seven points submitted by the Coordinator.

5.2 Consideration of Document No. 7 - Guidelines for Task Forces

5.2.1 The Committee adopted the Guidelines for Task Forces (Recommended General Methodology for Task Forces) consisting of the following parts:

- 5.2.2 A Recommended General Methodology for Task Forces
- B Recommended Specific Methodology for Task Forces
- C Terms of Reference of Task Forces

5.2.3 The Coordinator informed Members that an effort had been made by the Secretariat to identify Overlapping Categories of Recommendations. As soon as the exercise was completed copies of the document would be made available to them.

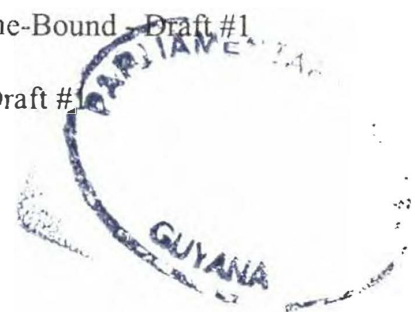
5.3 Terms of Reference of Legal Advisory Group

5.3.1 The Terms of Reference of the Legal Advisory Group as presented by the Coordinator was adopted by the Committee.

5.4 Presentation of the First Draft of the Time-Bound Plan

5.4.1 The Coordinator presented the following documents -

- (i) Main Features of OSC Time-Bound - Draft #1
- (ii) OSC Time-Bound Plan - Draft #1



(iii) Critical Tasks - OSC Time-Bound Plan - Draft #1

(iv) Number of Recommendations per Category of Task Forces

5.4.2 The Coordinator informed Members that the timeframes did not include Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

5.4.3 The view of Members was that the proposed Timeframes were not unreasonable.

5.4.4 Dr. Roopnaraine suggested that the success or failure of the Task Forces depended on Members familiarising themselves with the Recommendations which were allotted to their respective Task Forces. He advised that in that regard the verbatim Minutes of the Constitution Reform Commission (CRC) and the Special Select Committee (SSC) could be helpful in understanding the intentions of the CRC and the SSC.

5.4.5 It was agreed that Dr. Roopnaraine's suggestion was a helpful one.

5.4.6 Thereafter the Committee adopted the draft Time-Bound Plan.

5.5 Consideration of the Timetables for Task Forces

5.5.1 The Committee noted that the above timetables were included in the Time-Bound Plan.

5.6 Consideration of Composition of Membership of Task Forces

5.6.1 The Chairman stated that the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs had consulted with individual Members of the OSC and submitted the following Initial List of Members of Task Forces A1, A2, B, C, and D:-

Task Force A1

Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth
and Sports

Mrs Deborah Backer, M.P.

Ms Jean La Rose

Task Force A2

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local
Government

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.

Mr. Ramdial Bhookmohan

Task Force B

Dr. Keshav “Bud” Mangal

Mr. Deryck Bernard

Mr. Aubrey Collins

Task Force C

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.

Mr. C.M. Llewellyn John

Mr. Harrichand Mahadeo

Task Force D

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Mr. William Sampson

Mr. Randolph Kirton

- 5.5.2 The Chairman and Dr. Roopnaraine thanked the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs for the prompt action he took in making the selection of the Task Forces’ members.
- 5.5.3 The Chairman explained that the word “Initial” in the title of the document was intended to indicate that the list could be adjusted to increase the membership of a Task Force or to remove a member if found necessary. He also explained that the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs would be formally advising the members of the Task Forces by letter of their appointments and the conditions which apply.
- 5.5.4 Dr. Roopnaraine said he was satisfied with the composition of the Task Forces. He observed that former members of the Constitution Reform Commission (CRC) who had been drawn from Civil Society were included in their membership. The inclusion of those persons would bring experience and commitment to the work of the Task Forces.

5.6 **Venues of Meetings of Task Forces**

5.6.1 The Coordinator advised Members that the Chairman and Dr. Luncheon would be holding the meetings of their respective Task Force in their offices. The meetings of the other three Task Forces viz A1, A2 and D would be held within the Public Buildings. Leaders of those Task Forces were requested to provide early notification to the Secretariat in respect of their proposed dates and times of meetings.

5.7 **Frequency of Oversight Committee's Plenary Meetings and Venue**

5.7.1 The members agreed that the frequency of plenary sessions of the Committee would be determined on the basis of information received from the Task Forces.

5.7.2 The Coordinator requested that the leader of each Task Force submit a programme of its activities by the end of the first week of February, 2000.

5.8 **Date of Next Meeting**

5.8.1 It was decided that the Committee would meet on Monday 31st January, to consider its second monthly report on the Oversight Committee which was due on 31st January, 2000.

5.8.2 In preparation for that meeting the Coordinator was requested to put up a draft of the Committee's Report for January, 2000.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Roopnaraine reported that he would be overseas for a short period but arrangements would be made in order that the business of his Task Force would not be inconvenienced.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.50p.m. the meeting was adjourned to 4.30p.m. on Monday, 31st January, 2000.



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Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo ~~U.P. M.P.~~;
Minister of Information, CHAIRMAN
Oversight Committee on Constitutional Reform.

MAIN FEATURES OF OSC Time-Bound PLAN

1. Project runs from **20 Jan 2000** to **28 July 2000**.
2. Preparation of **Drafting Briefs** by Task Forces scheduled to be **completed by**:
 - (a) **28 March 2000** for Task Forces A1, A2, C, D (40 days each); and
 - (b) **13 April 2000** for Task Force B (60 days).
3. Drafting by **Task Force E** runs from **1 March** to **14 June 2000**.
4. **Five (5) Draughts persons** are required for **Task Force E**, since tasks are scheduled concurrently for Categories of Revisions.
5. Drafting for each of **Categories A1, A2, C, D** is scheduled for the period from **1 March** to **11 April** (30 days)¹.
6. Drafting for **Category B** is scheduled for the period from **31 March** to **16 May** (30 days)².
7. **Task Force E** collates all revisions of clauses to ensure internal consistency during the period from **31 March** to **16 May** (30 days).
8. An implication of paragraphs 2 through 7 is that the **Legal Advisory Group** will be **required mainly** for the months of **February** and **March 2000**; but might be needed from time to time up to mid June.
9. **OSC in plenary** is scheduled to review all drafted revisions done by Task Force E during the period from **12 April** to **30 May** (32 days) with **Categories A1, A2, C, D** being all done during the 10 day period from **12 April** to **27 April**; and **Category B** during the 10 day period from **17 May** to **30 May 2000**.
10. The **National Assembly** is scheduled to deliberate and pronounce on the Revisions during the 35 day period from **9 June** to **28 July**, spending 7 days successively on each of the Categories B, A1, A2, C, D in that order.
11. Accepting this Plan implies the **CRITICAL TASKS** listed in Appendix I to this note.

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¹ Beginning 20 days before the completion of all drafting briefs from each category.

² Beginning 10 days before the completion of all drafting briefs by Category B

OSC Time-bound Plan

20 Jan 2000

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Resource Names
1	Draft Briefs TF-A1	40 days	Tue 2/1/00	Tue 3/28/00		Manzoor
2	Draft Briefs TF-A2	40 days	Tue 2/1/00	Tue 3/28/00		Rupert
3	Draft Briefs TF-B	60 days	Thu 1/20/00	Thu 4/13/00		Roger/Vincent
4	Draft Briefs TF-C	40 days	Tue 2/1/00	Tue 3/28/00		Moses
5	Draft Briefs TF-D	40 days	Tue 2/1/00	Tue 3/28/00		Leslie
6	Revisions by TF-E	73 days	Wed 3/1/00	Wed 6/14/00		
7	A1 Revisions	30 days	Wed 3/1/00	Tue 4/11/00	1FS-20 days	Draughtsman#1
8	A2 Revisions	30 days	Wed 3/1/00	Tue 4/11/00	2FS-20 days	Draughtsman#2
9	B Revisions	30 days	Fri 3/31/00	Tue 5/16/00	3FS-10 days	Draughtsman#3
10	C Revisions	30 days	Wed 3/1/00	Tue 4/11/00	4FS-20 days	Draughtsman#4
11	D Revisions	30 days	Wed 3/1/00	Tue 4/11/00	5FS-20 days	Draughtsman#5
12	Collation of Revisions	21 days	Wed 5/17/00	Wed 6/14/00	7,8,9,10,11	All Draughtsmen
13	OSC Review of Revised Clauses	32 days	Wed 4/12/00	Tue 5/30/00		
14	OSC Review of A1 Clauses	10 days	Wed 4/12/00	Thu 4/27/00	7	OSC
15	OSC Review of A2 Clauses	10 days	Wed 4/12/00	Thu 4/27/00	8	OSC
16	OSC Review of B Clauses	10 days	Wed 5/17/00	Tue 5/30/00	9	OSC
17	OSC Review of C Clauses	10 days	Wed 4/12/00	Thu 4/27/00	10	OSC
18	OSC Review of D Clauses	10 days	Wed 4/12/00	Thu 4/27/00	11	OSC
19	Revisions by Nat Assembly	35 days	Fri 6/9/00	Fri 7/28/00		
20	B Revisions	7 days	Fri 6/9/00	Mon 6/19/00	9,16FS+7 days	LGB/OSC
21	A1 Revisions	7 days	Tue 6/20/00	Wed 6/28/00	20,12,14FS+7 days	LGB/OSC
22	A2 Revisions	7 days	Thu 6/29/00	Mon 7/10/00	21,12,15FS+7 days	LGB/OSC
23	C Revisions	7 days	Tue 7/11/00	Wed 7/19/00	22,12,17FS+7 days	LGB/OSC
24	D Revisions	7 days	Thu 7/20/00	Fri 7/28/00	23,12,18FS+7 days	LGB/OSC

CRITICAL TASKS - OSC Time-bound Plan								20 Jan 2000
ID		Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Resource Names	
3		Draft Briefs TF-B	60 days	Thu 1/20/00	Thu 4/13/00		Roger/Vincent	Must Finish by Sat. April 15 Must Start on Tues. Feb. 1
5		Draft Briefs TF-D	40 days	Tue 2/1/00	Tue 3/28/00		Leslie	
6		Revisions by TF-E	73 days	Wed 3/1/00	Wed 6/14/00			
9		B Revisions	30 days	Fri 3/31/00	Tue 5/16/00	3FS-10 days	Draughtsman#3	
13		OSC Review of Revised Clauses	32 days	Wed 4/12/00	Tue 5/30/00			
16		OSC Review of B Clauses	10 days	Wed 5/17/00	Tue 5/30/00	9	OSC	
19		Revisions by Nat Assembly	35 days	Fri 6/9/00	Fri 7/28/00			
20		B Revisions	7 days	Fri 6/9/00	Mon 6/19/00	9,16FS+7 days	LGB/OSC	
21		A1 Revisions	7 days	Tue 6/20/00	Wed 6/28/00	20,12,14FS+7 days	LGB/OSC	
22		A2 Revisions	7 days	Thu 6/29/00	Mon 7/10/00	21,12,15FS+7 days	LGB/OSC	
23		C Revisions	7 days	Tue 7/11/00	Wed 7/19/00	22,12,17FS+7 days	LGB/OSC	
24		D Revisions	7 days	Thu 7/20/00	Fri 7/28/00	23,12,18FS+7 days	LGB/OSC	

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Total Recommendations for Categories of Task Forces

1.	Category "A1"	No. of Recommendations	
	9.2 Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual ---	30	
	9.3 Indigenous Rights ---	4	
	9.4 Rights of the Child ---	10	
	9.5 Gender Rights ---	5	
	9.14 Right to Education ---	4	
	9.20 Religion ---	1	
			54
2.	Category "A2"		
	9.1 Preamble To The Constitution ---	9	
	9.12 The Constitution as a Document ---	5	
	9.13 Land and Environment ---	4	
	9.15 The Economy ---	5	
	9.16 The Right and the Duty to Work ---	6	
	9.17 Finance ---	7	
	9.22 The State and the Constitution ---	4	
	9.23 Constitution Reform for the Future ---	1	
			41
3.	Category "B"		
	9.8 Local Government ---	11	
	9.10 Elections Commission ---	6	
	9.11 Electoral System ---	7	
			24
4.	Category "C"		
	9.6 The Presidency ---	14	
	9.7 Parliament ---	3	
	9.18 National Security ---	3	
			20
5.	Category "D"		
	9.9 The Judicature ---	13	
	9.19 Commissions ---	13	
	9.21 Race Relations ---	5	
			31
		Total	<u>170</u>
6.	Category "E"		
	Revision and Drafting of Clauses of the Constitution		

21st January, 2000.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

INITIAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF TASK FORCES A1, A2, B, C AND D

Task Force A1

Responsible OSC Member: Mr. Manzoor Nadir

Other Members: Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports
Ms Deborah Backer, M.P.
Ms Jean La Rose.

Task Force A2

Responsible OSC Member: Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P.

Other Members: Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government
Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.
Mr. Ramdial Bhookmohan

Task Force B

Responsible OSC Members: Dr. Roger F. Luncheon and Mr. Vincent Alexander

Other Members: Dr. Keshav "Bud" Mangal
Mr. Deryck Bernard
Mr. Aubrey Collins

Task Force C

Responsible OSC Member: Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.,
Minister of Information - Chairman

Other Members: Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.
Mr. C. M. Llewellyn John
Mr. Harrichand Mahadeo

Task Force D

Responsible OSC Member: Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Other Members: Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.
Mr. William Sampson
Mr. Randolph Kirton

26th January, 2000.