

TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2013)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 35

WHEREAS December 8, 2012 marked the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Cuba;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Mr. Michael Manley; the Honourable Dr. Eric Williams; the Honourable Mr. Errol Barrow and the Honourable Mr. Forbes Burnham, the Prime Ministers of the then four independent English speaking countries of the Caribbean had the foresight and courage to agree to simultaneously establish diplomatic relations between their respective countries and the Republic of Cuba;

AND WHEREAS the good relations between Guyana and Cuba date back to the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1959;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Cuba for over five decades and more, especially since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Guyana, has consistently rendered valuable assistance in the areas of tertiary education; providing health care practitioners for over 30 years to Guyana's health care system; the provision of many eye surgeries to many Guyanese through "Operation Miracle"; the provision of other expertise and major material resources that have contributed to the development of Guyana and in particular the social sector;

AND WHEREAS this National Assembly recognises the tremendous progress made by the Government and people of Cuba in the development of their country notwithstanding the negative impact of the economic embargo imposed on that country;

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AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this longstanding embargo and consequently the daunting constraints and challenges, the Government and people of Cuba continue to maintain international solidarity with the developing world by making substantial contributions not only to the development of Guyana, but also to the development of the countries of the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, Asia and to humanity in general;

AND WHEREAS Guyana and Cuba continue to share common interests and concerns primarily in the areas of sustainable development, economic equity and social justice, the vulnerability of smaller economies in the region and combating climate change among others,

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly on behalf of the people of Guyana conveys to the Government and people of Cuba our congratulations on the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Guyana and Cuba;

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly extends our gratitude to the Government and people of Cuba for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the people of Guyana while at the same time enduring great sacrifice;

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That we the Members of this National Assembly will continue to call for the removal of the unjust economic and financial embargo against Cuba; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly reaffirms our commitment to strengthening and deepening relations between our two countries to realize the legitimate aspirations of our peoples.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 3rd January, 2013.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly