

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2022)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 176

Member Giving Notice: **The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance**
(Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments)

MOTION

**ADOPTION OF THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND CONSENSUAL MECHANISM TO
NOMINATE MEMBERS TO THE WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Article 212 Q of the Constitution has established a Women and Gender Equality Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 212 Q (2) of the Constitution, the Women and Gender Equality Commission shall consist of-

- (a) *“not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in women’s and gender equality issues, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Women’s Advisory Committee of the Trade Union Congress, are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the elected Members of the National Assembly; and*

- (b) *the Administrator of the Women’s Affairs Bureau, by whatever name that office is designated; and*

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(c) a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Indigenous People’s Commission and Rights of the Child Commission.”

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Women and Gender Equality Commission in accordance with article 212 Q (2)(a) of the Constitution, and Resolution No. 62 of 2000 with regard to the appointment of members to the rights commissions;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Women & Gender Equality Commission in accordance with art 212 Q (2) (a), unanimously agrees and proposes that the Commission be comprised of nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Women Bodies	2
Regional Representative from 8 GAC	5
TUC Women’s Advisory Council	1
Labour Movement	1
Private Business Sector Bodies	1
Professional Bodies	1
Cultural/Ethnic	3

And (b)

Administrator of the Women’s Affairs Bureau	1
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AND WHEREAS, the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Women and Gender Equality Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

3.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Committee on Appointments Report on the Women and Gender Equality Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the list of entities to nominate Members to the Women and Gender Equality Commission as set out in the First Schedule attached, in accordance with article 212Q (2)(a) of the Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Group and entities within each Group of Nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

Women Bodies- 2

Assemblies of God Women's Ministry
Association of Women Entrepreneurs
Guyana Association of Women's Artists
Guyana Association of Women Lawyers
Guyana District Conference Women's Work Committee (Methodist)
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandalee
Guyana Women Miners Organisation
Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)
Lutheran Church Women
Mothers' Union Diocese of Guyana
National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA) (CIOG Women's Arm)
National Congress of Women
Outreach Ministries International Women's Group
Red Thread Women's Development Project
Salvation Army Home League
The Women's Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
Women Across Differences
Women for Change (AFC Women Arm)
Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society
Women's Progressive Organisation
Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

Regional Gender Affairs Committees- (Regions 1-7 & 9) -5

The Labour Movement-1

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)
Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)
General Workers Union (GWU)
Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)
Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)

Guyana Labour Union (GLU)
Guyana Local Government Officers' Union (GLGOU)
Guyana Postal and Telecommunication Workers' Union (GP&TWU)
Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)
Guyana Taxis Service Association
Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)
National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)
National Mine Workers' Union of Guyana
National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)
Printing Industry and Allied Workers' Union (PIAWU)
The People United and General Workers Union (TPU&GWU)
Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (UAAW)
United Minibus Union
University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)
University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)

Private Business Sector Bodies -1

Bankers' Association of Guyana
Bartica Chamber of Commerce and Development Association
Berbice Chamber of Commerce and Development Association (BCCA)
Central Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (CCCC)
Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry (CAGI)
Essequibo Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)
Guycraft Producers Association Inc.
Guyana Forest Products Association
Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association
Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association
Guyana Private Sector Commission
Guyana Rice Millers and Exporters Development Association
Guyana Rice Producers Association
Guyana Trawlers and Seafood Processors Association
Linden Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Development (LCICD)
Private Aircraft Owners Association of Guyana
Rupununi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI)
Shipping Association of Guyana

The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana
Upper Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (UCCI)
Region 5 Chambers of Industry and Commerce
West Demerara/East Bank Essequibo & Islands' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.
(WD/EBE)/I)
Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry Guyana (WCCIG)

Professional Group-1

Association of Chartered Accountants
Guyana Association of Optometrists
Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers (GAPSW)
Guyana Bar Association
Guyana Nurses Association
Guyana Medical Association
Guyana Pharmacists' Association
Medical Technologists Association of Guyana

Cultural / Ethnic-3

Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies - 1

Amerindian People's Association
Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples
National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
National Tshaos Council (NTC)
The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)

Afro-Guyanese Bodies -1

African Cultural and Development Association (ACDA)
All African Guyanese Council
Forum for the Temples of Kamaatic Spirituality
Guyana Rastafarian Council
House of NyahBinghi
International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly - Guyana (IDPADA-G)
Pan African Movement (Guyana Branch)

Indo-Guyanese Bodies -1

Indian Action Committee
Indian Commemoration Trust

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities of Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of the Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Women and Gender Equality Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on advice by the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be person/s 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 unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognised “*umbrella organization*” in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organisation and copy his letter to each of the “*constituent entities*” within the Group.

