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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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**PROTOCOLS TO THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN
COURT OF JUSTICE BILL 2007**

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A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to give effect to certain Protocols to the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice and for matters connected therewith.

A.D.2007 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement. 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Protocols to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice Act 2007.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force-

- (i) in respect of the Protocol in **Schedule I**, in accordance with Article XII of that Protocol;
- (ii) in respect of the Protocol in **Schedule II**, on the 6th July 2006; and
- (iii) in respect of the Protocol in **Schedule III**, on the 7th June 2007.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act, "Protocols" means-

- (i) the Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice relating to the Tenure of Judges, Rules of Court, Financial Arrangements and Withdrawal from Agreement as well as the Relationship between Provisions on the Original Jurisdiction of the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Constitutions of State Parties in **Schedule I**;
- (ii) Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice relating to Security of Tenure of Members of the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission in **Schedule II**; and
- (iii) Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice relating to the Tenure of Office of Judges of the Court in **Schedule III**.

Protocols to have the force of law. 3. The Protocols shall have the force of law in Guyana.

Amendment of
the Protocols.

4. (1) Where Guyana becomes a party to any agreement to amend a Protocol, the Minister may, by order, amend Schedule I, Schedule II or, as the case may be, Schedule III by including therein the amendment.

(2) An order made under subsection (1) may contain consequential, supplemental or ancillary provisions (including provisions amending this Act) as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the amendment of the Protocol.

(3) Where a Protocol in Schedule I, Schedule II, or as the case may be, Schedule III is amended pursuant to this section, any reference in this Act or any other instrument to the Protocol shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Protocol as so amended.

(4) Every order made under this section shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.