FIRST SESSION

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RESOLUTION NO. LV

WHEREAS the Guyana Government has so far ratified twenty-six ILO Conventions including four of the six concerning basic human rights adopted by the International Labour Conference;

AND WHEREAS the International Labour Conference at its 34th Session held in Geneva on the 6th June, 1951, and at its 42nd Session held in Geneva on the 4th June, 1958, adopted respectively the following two Conventions concerning basic human rights:

- No. 100 Equal Remuneration for Men and Women for Work of Equal Value;
- No. 111 Discrimination (Employment and Occupation);

AND WHEREAS Guyana as a Member of the IIO, which is pursuing socialist policies and programmes based on egalitarian concepts and principles, has decided as an aim of policy to ratify all the basic human rights Conventions of the ILO;

AND WHEREAS Sessional Paper No. 1/1975 on the ratification of these two basic human rights Conventions contains conclusions which clearly set forth the Government's intention to ratify the two remaining basic human rights Conventions concerning Equal Remuneration which provides for equal pay for men and women workers for work of equal value, and Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention which provides for equal opportunities in employment and occupation regardless of race, sex, creed, social extraction, etc.

AND WHEREAS further bearing in mind that this Government has taken steps to promote a number of relevant and useful activities among various organisations in Guyana in observance of International Women's Year;

AND WHEREAS further bearing in mind that the workers, employers, and women's organisations in Guyana fully support ratification of these two basic human rights Conventions which are of particular interest to women and which pose no obstacles to full application and, indeed, are in accord with national policies and public opinion:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly adopt the conclusions contained in Sessional Paper No. 1/1975 on the International Labour Conventions on basic human rights, No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration and No. 111 concerning Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) adopted respectively on the 6th June, 1951 and 4th June, 1958, by the International Labour Conference;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, That the decisions of this National Assembly be conveyed to the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation and to the Workers' and Employers' Organisations and other interest groups in Guyana.

Passed by the National Assembly this 27th day of February, 1975

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly