

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYNA
FIRST SESSION (2006-2008)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 61

WHEREAS, Article 212Q of the Constitution provides for the establishment of a Women and Gender Equality Commission;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 212Q(2)(a) 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**

- (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.”**

2.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Women and Gender Equality Commission unanimously agreed and proposes that the Commission be comprised of 15 nominations as provided for in (a) from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Women	-	3
Professional Bodies	-	1
Private Sector	-	1
Labour Movement	-	2
TUC Women's Advisory Council	-	1
Cultural/Ethnic	-	2
Regional Representative from 10 WAC	-	3
Women's Progressive Organisation	-	1
National Congress of Women	-	1

(b) Administrator of the Women's Affairs Bureau

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;

RESOLVED,

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

3.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

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

FURTHER RESOLVED,

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

Passed by the National Assembly on Friday, 13th June, 2008.



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L. COONJAH

Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

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DEPUTY CLERK OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SCHEDULE

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

Women Bodies

AFC Women's Arm

Anglican Mothers' Union

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana (Women's arm)

Church Women United

Congregational Women's Union

Federation of AME Women

Guyana Federation of Women Institutes

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandale

Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)

Lutheran Church Women

Methodist Women's League

National Commission on Women

National Congress of Women

Police Wives' Association

Red Thread Women's Development Project

Rural Women's Development Network

The Salvation Army Women's League

The United Force Women's Auxillary

Women Across Differences

Women's Progressive Organisation

Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana

(a) Regional Women's Affairs Committees

Regions 1 - 10

(b) Administrative Women's Affairs Bureau

Trade Union Congress - Women's Advisory Committee

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union

Clerical and Commercial Workers' Union

General Workers' Union

Guyana Agricultural Workers' Union

Guyana Labour Union

Guyana Local Government and Officers' Union

Guyana Postal and Telecommunication Workers' Union

Guyana Public Service Union

Guyana Teachers Union

National Mining and General Workers' Union

Printing Industry and Allied Workers' Union

Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers

The Labour Movement

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)
Association of Masters and Mistresses (AMM)
Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana
General Workers Union (GWU)
Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)
Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)
Guyana Labour Union (GLU)
Guyana Local Government Officer's Union (GLGOU)
Guyana Mining, Metal and General Workers Union (GMMGWU)
Guyana Postal and Telecommunications Workers Union (GP&TWU)
Guyana Public Service Senior Staff Association (GPSSA)
Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)
Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)
Guyana Trade Unions Congress (GTUC)
National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)
National Mining and General Workers Union (NM&GWU)
National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)
Printing Industry Allied Workers Union (PIAWU)
Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (UAAW)
University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)
University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)

Private Business Sector Bodies

Association of Non-traditional Exporters

Association of Regional Chambers of Commerce

Bankers' Association of Guyana

Bartica Chamber of Commerce

Berbice Chambers of Commerce and Development Association

Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry

~~Corentyne Chamber of Commerce~~

Essequibo Chambers of Commerce

Georgetown Chambers of Commerce and Industry

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

Linden Chamber of Commerce

New Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce

Private Aircraft Owners Association of Guyana

Rupununi Chamber of Commerce

Shipping Association of Guyana

The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana

Professional Group

- Guyana Association of Chartered Accountants
- Guyana Association of Medical Laboratories Professionals
- Guyana Association of Optometrists
- Guyana Association of Professional Engineers
- Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers
- Guyana Association of Women Lawyers
- Guyana Association of Women's Artists
- Guyana Bar Association
- Guyana Dental Association
- Guyana Medical Association
- Guyana Nurses Association
- Guyana Pharmacists' Association
- Guyana Press Association
- The Berbice Medical Association

Cultural/Ethnic

- African Cultural and Development Association
- Amerindian People's Association
- Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples
- Indian Arrival Committee
- National Amerindian Development Fund
- National Toshias Council
- The Amerindian Association of Guyana
- The Rastafarian Council

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for 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 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 the advice of 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 recognized "*umbrella organization*" in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the "*constituent entities*" within the Group.