

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2006-2009)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 93

WHEREAS the Fourth Assessment Report of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change has firmly established that concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are rising exponentially, leading to alarming levels of global warming and related sea level rise;

AND WHEREAS the cause of these phenomena is mainly anthropogenic;

AND WHEREAS if left unchecked, the effects of climate change can lead to marine inundation of coastal low lying areas, flooding from excessive rainfall, droughts, disruption of agriculture, food shortages, disease, population displacement and extinction of species;

AND WHEREAS several studies on the economics of climate change and its impact have concluded that the cost of inaction will in the long-term exceed the level of resources currently required for addressing these impacts;

AND WHEREAS the Conference of Parties in Copenhagen 2009 must reach an agreement that entails deep cuts in emissions, bold action on climate mitigation, and clear support for adaptation measures;

AND WHEREAS 20 percent of all green house gases results from deforestation and degradation;

AND WHEREAS a recent study done by the internationally reputable McKinsey Company has demonstrated that avoided deforestation represent a least cost solution for carbon abatement, lower than hybrid cars or wind power;

AND WHEREAS studies and analyses have confirmed that Guyana's forests could be deployed as mitigation against the adverse effects of climate change without either sacrificing our sovereignty or development prospects;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands at the threshold of a great global opportunity to show the world how rainforest countries can use their rainforest to mitigate Climate Change and at the same time use it as the basis for a financial flow to provide adequate resources to pursue a low carbon development path with adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer as key elements;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has drafted a Low Carbon Development Strategy which is currently being discussed in a series of countrywide consultations,


RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

1. Welcomes the commitment to public consultations including the parliamentary parties to contribute to the finalization of the Strategy;
2. Recognizes the pioneering nature of Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy; and

3. Endorses Guyana's advocacy in the UNFCCC process for a new post 2012 Agreement that includes REDD, avoided deforestation and sustainable forest management, to be decided in Copenhagen in December, 2009 and support its use at international fora, including the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen.

Passed by the National Assembly on Tuesday, 4th August, 2009.


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**