

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2010)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 115**

WHEREAS Article 119D of the Constitution provides that there shall be a Parliamentary Standing Committee established by the National Assembly with responsibility for the oversight of the security sector, namely the Disciplined Forces of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS Article 119D establishes oversight by the Parliamentary Standing Committee as being scrutiny of areas of Government policy and administration of the entities in the Security Sector;

**RESOLVED,**

That this Standing Committee shall be constituted as follows:

- (i) not less than six (6) and no more than ten (10) members;
- (ii) representation on this Standing Committee will be according to the proportionality of the seats held by political parties in the National Assembly;
- (iii) the Chairmanship will remain with the Government side of the House and the location of the venue for meetings with the necessary secretarial support staff and to allow the Committee to function in a sufficiently secure environment based on their mandate and responsibilities to be determined in accordance with the Standing Orders;

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## RESOLVED,

That due to the nature of this committee's responsibilities all Members will be required to take an oath of secrecy; a Member not desirous of doing so will not be entitled to sit on this Committee;

## AND RESOLVED,

That the Standing Committee in the discharge of this functions shall examine the policies and administration of the entities in the Security Sector based on the Gazetted ministerial responsibilities for entities in the Security Sector under the purview of the Standing Committee, and, shall have the authority to:

- (i) define the areas of government policy and administration for its scrutiny;
- (ii) assess the performance of the Disciplined Forces vis 'a vis established targets/programmes;
- (iii) request the provision of oral and written information, including documents and records about any specific area of policy and administration of entities in the security sector unless this would compromise public safety and national security;
- (iv) review existing legislation on government policy and administration within the security sector;
- (v) summon persons within the security sector at the level of the Heads of Services, as well as hold hearings as provided for in the Standing Orders;

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- (vi) utilize the services of experts and specialists as the Committee determines;
- (vii) take into account other reports emanating from agencies and Parliamentary Committees relevant to the security sector;
- (viii) submit annual reports to the National Assembly and make recommendations to the National Assembly on legislation or any other action to be taken on matters falling within their purview;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Committee's authority will not include an examination of on-going operational matters of the Disciplined Forces;

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly amends the Standing Orders of the Parliament to reflect the inclusion of this new Standing Committee on Oversight of the Security Sector and its terms of reference.

*Passed by the National Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.*

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/S.E. ISAACS  
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