

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**  
**FIRST SESSION (2012)**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

WHEREAS the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement (the Cotonou Partnership Agreement) signed in June 2000 between the ACP Group of States of the one part and the European Union (EU) Member States of the other part, required the two sides to negotiate Regional WTO-compatible trade agreements to replace the non-reciprocal preferential trade arrangements under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, with effect from January 1, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the CARIFORUM States of the one part (CARIFORUM) and the European Union and its Member States of the other part (EU), pursuant to the provisions of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, negotiated the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) between April, 2004 and December, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, a CARIFORUM Member State and a Party to the Agreement, signed onto the Agreement on October 20, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, in accordance with Article 243 of the Agreement, formally notified the General Secretariat of the EU Council on October 22, 2008 of its provisional application of the Agreement, pending entry into force;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, pursuant to its provisional application of the Agreement, implemented the agreed Schedule of Tariff Liberalization with effect from January, 2011, following its presentation to the National Assembly in January, 2011;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is desirous of taking the further step to ratify the Agreement, pursuant to its laws and in accordance with the aforementioned Article 243,

RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly hereby agrees for the General Secretariat of the European Union Council being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the Agreement and for Guyana to formally ratify the said agreement.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.*

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**S.E. ISAACS**  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 9**

WHEREAS being cognisant of the importance of having the records of the National Assembly including debates, carefully maintained, secure and always available in the form of the Hansard, the official documents of the Parliament of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS being conscious that the Official Reports (Hansard) for the period January, 1985 to December, 1992 are the records of the decisions pertaining to the management and debates over the Economic Recovery Programme and other critical decisions in the management of the political economy of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS being concerned that the Official Reports (Hansard) covering the abovementioned period are not available,

RESOLVED,

That action be taken by this House to submit the full records of the National Assembly for the period January, 1985 to December, 1992 as early as possible or within two (2) months of this motion being published on Notice Paper; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED,

That if these documents cannot be found or have been destroyed that the Speaker is to institute an enquiry into the said disappearance or destruction of those records and report the findings to the National Assembly within one month after the tabling of this motion.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.*

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*S.E. ISAACS*  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10**

WHEREAS under Article 122A of the Constitution all Courts and all persons presiding over courts shall exercise their function independently of the control and direction of any other person or authority and shall be free and independent from political, executive and any other form of direction and control;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 122A of the Constitution all courts shall be administratively autonomous and shall be funded by a direct charge upon the Consolidated Fund and such courts shall operate in accordance with the principles of sound financial and administrative management;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Guyana and all other Courts are being treated as a Budget Agency, a practice which seriously calls into question the independence and autonomy of the Courts,

RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly takes steps to amend the Schedule to the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003 so as to remove the Supreme Court from the Schedule of Budget Agencies and restore it to its rightful place as

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an autonomous body drawing directly from the Consolidated Fund and that the changes should be reflected in the Annual Estimates to be submitted by the Minister of Finance for the approval of the National Assembly.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.*

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*S.E. ISAACS*  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*