

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

**FIRST SESSION (2012)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14**

WHEREAS in their recent reports on transparency and corruption the international community, including the World Economic Forum, Transparency International and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) have rated Guyana poorly;

AND WHEREAS Guyanese are concerned about the widely reported acts of lawlessness in the guardianship of our national resources and assets as well as the lack of transparency and accountability associated with the disposal of those assets,

**RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly requests the responsible Ministers of Government to:

- (a) Provide the National Assembly with a report in keeping with the law, on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all state lands, including the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used, which took place: Further between the date of announcement (Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011) of the National and Regional Elections and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 and between 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000 and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011;
- (b) Make financial provision for the urgent commissioning of an independent financial audit of the operations of the National Industrial Commercial Investments Limited (NICIL) and the Privatisation Unit;

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FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the relevant Ministers of Government provide the National Assembly as early as possible with:

- (a) A detailed report on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all state assets entrusted to NICIL and the Privatisation Unit, the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used;
- (b) The outstanding bi-annual reports and annual audited accounts required of NICIL and the Privatisation Unit under the relevant legislation;
- (c) The handing over report from the former Executive Director of NICIL (and Head of the Privatisation Unit and), Winston Brassington, if applicable at this time;
- (d) A report on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all other state assets, including the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used;

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That a report on all the fiscal concessions, including duty free concessions, granted in response to specific requests or as part of contracts awarded by the Tender Board and the criteria on which these awards were based be placed before the National Assembly for review;

3.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the relevant Minister shall lay in the National Assembly for review and where applicable, for ratification, all international agreements, (including mining agreements involving the award of state lands and fiscal concessions), signed by the Government since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That all the aforesaid are done on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.*

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15**

WHEREAS the Financial Management and Accountability Act 2003 requires all revenues accruing to the State to be deposited in the Consolidated Fund;

AND WHEREAS Section 39(1) of the Financial Management and Accountability Act 2003 permits the establishment of Extra-Budgetary Funds by legislation;

AND WHEREAS some entities authorised to establish such Funds have failed to meet their obligations under Section 39 of the Act, namely to:

- (a) To separately account for the funds apart from any other resources; in accordance with Section 39(4);
- (b) To submit to the Minister and publish for general information quarterly reports on the financial operations of the Fund, Section 39(5)(b);
- (c) Make the accounts and records of the Fund available for independent audit by the Auditor General and prepare an annual report of the Auditor General thereon, to the National Assembly and publication of such reports for general information in keeping with Section 39(5)(c) and (d);

2.

AND NOTWITHSTANDING:

The regular reports by the Auditor General and the Audit Office of the failure of many such entities to meet their legal obligations the Minister of Finance has routinely failed to enforce the law in these cases and has also failed to have explicitly reflected in the relevant investment plan and programmes of expenditure contained in the annual budget and to process the resources allocated from all Extra-Budgetary Funds for the purpose of financing Government social or economic development projects through the Consolidated Fund (Section40),

RESOLVED,

That this House requires the Minister of Finance to lay before it a report on all the extra-budgetary agencies, including the Lotto Funds and GGMC, all the outstanding reports and quarterly audited accounts as required by the law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the relevant Minister/s ensure that all agencies authorized to have Extra-Budgetary Funds under the Act and with outstanding reports as at 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2012, be immediately required to pay into the Consolidated Fund all balances held in their accounts and a Statement of such payments be submitted to the National Assembly on or before 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

***Passed by the National Assembly on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.***

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

