

TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2012 - 2013)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 49

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana prescribes at Article 140(1) that “No person shall be held in slavery or servitude;” and, at Article 140(2) that “No person shall be required to perform forced labour;”

AND WHEREAS the state of Guyana is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Trans-National Organised Crime adopted by General Assembly Resolution 55/25 of 15th November, 2000 and to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children; and, further, Guyana has prohibited all forms of trafficking in persons through the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act 2005;

AND WHEREAS there have been credible reports that undetermined numbers of persons, have been trafficked, kept in involuntary servitude and required to perform forced labour, particularly in the hinterland regions of Guyana, but also elsewhere;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Ch. 19:03, “The President may issue a commission appointing one or more Commissioners and authorizing such Commissioner or Commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare,”

RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly declares its abhorrence at the crime of trafficking in persons; expresses its sympathy with the victims of trafficking; calls for victims to be treated humanely – not as offenders and asserts the responsibility of the State to protect all of its citizens; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Ch. 19:03, to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into the allegations, and to determine the extent, of trafficking in persons and to make recommendations for suppression and abolition of the unlawful trade.

Passed by the National Assembly on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2013.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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RESOLUTION NO. 50

RESOLVED,

That the Report of the Special Select Committee of the National Assembly on the United Nations Human Rights Council with regard to the Abolition of Corporal Punishment in the schools, the Abolition of the Death Penalty and the Decriminalization of Consensual Adult Same Sex Relations and Discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Persons (Resolution No. 23 Of 2012), outlining its work programme on the abolition of corporal punishment in the schools be adopted.

Passed by the National Assembly on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2013.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly