

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105

WHEREAS international acceptance of scientific evidence that high concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rising dangerously, leading to global warming and related sea level rise is no longer a matter of dispute;

AND WHEREAS the causes of global warming is now accepted at all international fora, and thus the time for global concerted action to mitigate these life threatening phenomena;

AND WHEREAS the fifty-four Commonwealth Heads of Government arrived at The Port of Spain Consensus and Declaration on Climate Change which was taken to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties in Copenhagen 2009, in order to further the efforts to reach an agreement that will require commitments to deep cuts in emissions by the main contributors, as well as financial and technical support to the most vulnerable nations in the interim;

AND WHEREAS Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy demonstrates how rainforest countries can use this asset to mitigate Climate Change and at the same time use it as the basis for financial flow, toward a low carbon development path, with adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer as key elements;

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AND WHEREAS Guyana's innovative low carbon development path was scrutinized through a consultative process which involved more than 144 communities, particularly in Amerindian communities as well as representatives of various sector groups including forestry, mining, women, youth, academic, and labour;

AND WHEREAS this process was managed and coordinated by a broad-based multi-sectoral steering committee comprising representatives of the National Tousehaos' Council, Amerindian NGOs, forestry, mining groups, the private sector, organised labour, and international monitors under the chairmanship of His Excellency the President;

AND WHEREAS the international community has applauded Guyana for its consultation process and efforts to pursue a low carbon development pathway with examples being the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the unique Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Norway;

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly:

1. Recognises the efforts to build national consensus and mobilize the international community support for Climate Change and Guyana's model of a Low Carbon Development Pathway;
2. Supports Guyana's model of a Low carbon development pathway tabled in the House as the revised Low Carbon Development Strategy;

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3. Endorses Guyana's commitment to a new agreement at the upcoming UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen, December 2009 which will bind countries to carbon reductions and release financial support to mitigate the repercussions of climate change on vulnerable countries; and
4. Lends unequivocal support to the Guyana delegation at the UNFCC Conference in struggling/lobbying for a post 2012 agreement on Climate Change in the interest of the world and Guyana.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 17th December, 2009.

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