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ORDER

Made Under

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ACT
(Cap. 46:04)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 35C OF THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ACT, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDER: -

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Guyana Central Authority for Hague Conventions Matters (Establishment) Order 2024.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order -

"Bureau" means the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law;

"Central Authority" means the Guyana Central Authority for Hague Conventions Matters established under clause 3;

"Convention" means the Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, the text of which is set out in the Second Schedule to the Act.

Establishment of the Central Authority.

3. (1) There is established an authority to be known as the Guyana Central Authority for Hague Conventions Matters.

(2) The Guyana Central Authority for Hague Conventions Matters shall be the Central Authority of Guyana for the purposes of carrying out Guyana's obligations under the Convention.

Composition of the Central Authority.

4. (1) The Central Authority shall consist of the Minister, who shall be the Chairperson and five other members appointed by the Minister as follows-

(a) an attorney-at-law of not less than five years standing at the bar;
(b) two persons nominated by bodies or organisations concerned with the welfare and safety of children;
(c) one public officer nominated by the Minister responsible for home affairs; and
(d) one public officer nominated by the Minister responsible for foreign affairs and international cooperation.

(2) The Minister shall appoint a deputy chairperson from among the members of the Central Authority.

(3) The names of the members as first constituted and every change in the membership thereafter shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Central Authority shall regulate its own procedure.

Functions of the Central Authority.

5. The Central Authority shall discharge –
(a) the duties and functions which are imposed by the Convention, the Act and any other law; and
(b) any other function that the Minister may designate to the Central Authority.

Notification of designation.

6. The Central Authority shall notify the Bureau in writing of its name, designation as the Central Authority of Guyana, address and functions.

Made this 6 day of March 2024.

V. Persaud

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Dr. the Hon. Vindhya Vasini Persaud, M.P.
Minister of Human Services and Social Security