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GECOM POSTPONES 140TH STATUTORY MEETING

The adjourned 140th Statutory Meeting of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), which was rescheduled for 13:00 hours today, was once again pushed forward as a direct result of a request by the three Commissioners nominated by the Opposition Parliamentary Political Parties (OPPP) for it to be postponed.

Commissioner Robert Williams, the only OPPP nominated Commissioner who attended today's Meeting, informed the Commission that himself, Mr. Parris and Mr. Joseph had met President Bharrat Jagdeo this morning to explain their position on the various issues which they had dealt with in the media statement that they had collectively made on Saturday, April 15, 2006.

Mr. Williams told the Commission that having met the President, and before taking any decision on the way forward, they (the three OPPP Commissioners) have agreed that it was necessary for them to consider (i) the outcome of the Meeting between themselves and President Jagdeo; and (ii) the content of the joint press statement that is to be released pertaining to the recent Meeting between President Jagdeo and Mr. Robert Corbin, Leader of the Opposition.

Against this backdrop Mr. Williams noted that the request, which he was making on behalf of the OPPP nominated Commissioners, was aimed at allowing them to ensure that they would be contributing to the holding of elections with which all of the people of Guyana could be satisfied. He proposed that the Meeting be postponed to Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Consequent upon being assured by Mr. Gocool Boodoo, Chief Election Officer that the requested postponement would not interfere with the Secretariat's smooth flow of work, the Commission agreed to postponement of the 140th Statutory Meeting to Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

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