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ERC Welcomes Renewal of the International Decade for People of African Descent

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) welcomes the renewal of the International Decade for People of African Descent by the United Nations (UN) for a second term (2025–2034), reaffirming its commitment to advancing the rights, recognition, and development of people of African heritage globally.

The UN's decision extends the objectives of the original decade (2015–2024) under the themes of Recognition, Justice, and Development, ensuring that the progress made thus far is strengthened and expanded.

The Commission believes that the renewal of the Decade for People of African Descent resonates deeply with Guyana's history and is a significant step toward addressing historical injustices and enhancing the promotion of African heritage.

In Guyana, the ERC recognizes the invaluable contributions that Guyanese of African descent have made in shaping our national identity, as well as their ongoing contributions to the country's continued progress. As part of its mandate, the Commission will continue working to ensure that the rights of all Guyanese—including our African brothers and sisters—are upheld.

The ERC urges all Guyanese to embrace this renewed commitment by actively promoting unity, mutual understanding, and respect among the country's diverse communities.

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