PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 05 October 2012 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K. and has among its deliberations:

**DECIDED:**

(i) That upgrading works will be carried out for the conversion of a building at Mont Limon into a restaurant specialised in the sale of local food which will be managed by women associations with a view to promote the socio-economic empowerment of women.

(ii) That a works order has been issued for the construction of phase 1 of the road from Pointe Coton to Brulé.

(iii) To approve that the Commission for Housing settles all the debts of the Rodrigues Housing and Property Development Company ltd so that procedures for its winding up can be initiated.

**TAKEN NOTE**

(i) That in line with the theme “Agricultural Cooperatives – Key to feeding the world”, the International Day of Cooperatives and the World Food Day 2012 will be celebrated together in Rodrigues on Saturday 20 October 2012 at Malabar. The objective is to encourage farmers and farmers’ associations to create cooperatives societies to improve their agribusiness.

(ii) That a delegation from the Mauritius Oceanography Institute will be on mission to Rodrigues from 28 October to 10 November 2012. Bathymetric survey will be carried out at Baie du Nord, Baie Malgache, Baie aux Huitres, Port Mathurin, Anse aux Anglais, Grand Baie and Pointe Coton.
(iii) That a technical team from the Ministry of Health and Quality of life will be on mission to Rodrigues from 05 to 07 October 2012. The objective of the mission is:-

1. to make recommendation on the requirements with regards to:-

   (a) Setting up of a Cardiology Services in Rodrigues
   (b) Equipping the Gynae Operating Theatre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital; and
   (c) Radiology Services and the setting up of a CT scan service

2. to review and finalise the protocol regarding patients sent to Mauritius for further treatment.

2. That his Excellency Mr. R. PURRYAG, GCSK, GOSK, President of the Republic of Mauritius will be the Guest of Honour of the ceremony marking the ten years of Autonomy of Rodrigues.

3. That Captain V. GEERJANAN of the Tourism Authority will be in Rodrigues from 07 to 11 October 2012 to carry out practical training to 35 skippers who if successful in practical examination will be eligible for skipper’s licence.

4. That some 35 participants from Commissions and NGOs are attending a two and half days training workshop on Comprehensive Water Resource Development Plan with Emphasis on Climate Change Adaptation and Preparation of Action Plan for Rodrigues which is being held at Restaurant Chez Ram from 03 to 05 October 2012. Same is being conducted by Professor KRHODA from Capital Guardians in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.

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