PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 13 July 2012 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K. and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) To approve the adoption of new policies concerning “Droit de Surélévation” on state land lease in Rodrigues by implementing the following measures for families whose monthly income does not exceed Rs 8500:

   (a) The costs of drawing up notarial deeds for the grant of a “droit de Surélévation” and for the “règlement de co-propriété” as approved in the name of a residential lessee will be borne by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;

   (b) All applications for “Droit de Surélévation” and transfer to and from descendant/ascendant will be given priority for processing;

   (c) The additional standard rent of Rs 1000 applicable on the grant of “Droit de Surélévation” will be reviewed to become an additional rent based on the family income of the beneficiary of the “Droit de Surélévation”; and

   (d) The RRA will bear the costs for the drawing of notarial deed for the transfer of a residential lease to a lessee’s descendants/ascendant.

(ii) To approve the terms of reference of the newly set up Land Squad amongst others to:

   (a) act as a deterrent to land squatting by effecting regular patrols throughout the islands;

   (b) visit built up cases without a residential lease and make recommendations in view of the supply of electricity by the Central Electricity Board;
DECIDED

(iii) To approve that animals be allowed free access to the Grenade Perimeter for grazing until the rainy season. Representation was received from the “Association des Eleviers” of the Eastern Regions of Rodrigues because of the prevailing dry season.

(iv) To approve that a Grant in Aid of Rs 300,000 be released in favour of the “Association Co-operative des Caisses Villageoises Lévé Déboute de Rodrigues Ltée” to enable the Association:

(a) to meet administrative expenses related to additional works for the extension of services to other villages in Rodrigues; and

(b) to provide training to its members.

(v) To approve the implementation of the Rodrigues Island Education Initiative (RIEI) project on a pilot basis from 24 July to 20 August 2012 in line with the efforts to combat the high level of CPE failures in Rodrigues. Its objective is to improve the chances of academic success for all Rodriguan school pupils by providing them with tools to pass the CPE examinations and to acquire and internalize study skills and study habits.

(vi) To approve the grant of a financial assistance to three Rodriguan accordionists who have been invited to participate in a cultural exchange in Seychelles from 20 to 29 July 2012.

TAKEN NOTE

(i) Of the result of the survey carried out during the month of May and June 2012 concerning cases of housing assistance under the Elderly Housing Scheme. Commission for Public Infrastructure will be requested to provide materials to all those concerned.

(ii) That a delegation from the Seychelles National Parks Authority will be on mission in Rodrigues in the month of August 2012 in view of the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the sharing of knowledge/know how in the field of Marine Protected areas with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

(iii) That the annual Inter Primary Schools Athletic day will be held at Camp du Roi Stadium on Thursday 19 July 2012. Pupils of standard I, II and III will not attend school on that day.
TAKEN NOTE

(iv) That in line with the Regional Government Programme to set up a “parental school” in Rodrigues, a workshop has been organised for thirty-five animators on the theme “Renforcer la capacité de la cellule familiale” from 09 to 13 July 2012 at the Human Resource Centre, Malabar. The workshop is being conducted by Father Gerard Jocelyn Philippe Franchette.

(v) Of the outcome of the participation of the Rodriguan delegation in the Mauritius International Trade Exhibition (MAITEX) from 05 to 08 July 2012.

(vi) That the services of a Food Engineer will be hired on a sessional basis to provide capacity building in the field of food transformation to the Fisherwoman Community concerned with the forthcoming closure of octopus fishery.

(vii) Of the outcome of the Tourism promotional campaigns held in Mauritius and Reunion Islands from 15 to 25 July 2012.

(viii) The report of the National Audit Office on the management of affairs the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the year ending 31st December Housing and 2011. Some of the shortcomings highlighted are:

   (a) The non sustainability of the private companies
   (b) Irregularities in the Housing and Cadastral survey project
   (c) Non compliance to PSC regulations for the recruitment of labourers.

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