The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 14 January 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:-

(i) to approve the programme of activities which will be organized on the occasion of the 176th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery on 01 February 2011 as follows:

   (i) Slam competition on the theme “Esklavaz”.
   
   (ii) Laying of Wreath Ceremony at “Lieu de Mémoire”, L’Union and “Montagne Cimetière”
   
   (iii) Prize Giving Ceremony of the slam competition at l’Union.

A cultural show will also be held at Malabar comprising slam, poetry, African dance, traditional and musical dance.

(ii) to approve that the Commission for Agriculture will purchase 100 tons of maintenance ruminant feed and 200 tons of wheat brand to be sold at a rebate price to registered local breeders with a view to assist them in the current prevailing drought period.
DECIDED:-

(iii) to approve that the Commission for Education will grant permission to Mr. Jean Benoit BERNARD, a Rodriguan Student, who is pursuing his final year of studies leading to a BSc (Hons) Management at the University of Mauritius, to conduct research work at the Commission for Education for the preparation of his dissertation on “An analysis of manpower utilization at the Commission for Education in Rodrigues”.

(iv) to terminate the appointment of the Chairman/Directors of Discovery Rodrigues Company Ltd. and the appointment of seven new Directors to ensure that the Company which has the following main objectives, operates at its best:-

(i) to be responsible to develop, operate and manage tourist’s attraction sites that shall be vested to the Company by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;

(ii) to ensure efficient and environment-friendly development of tourist’s attraction sites, respecting all ecological and environmental norms;

(iii) to promote tourism development in Rodrigues;

(iv) to promote Rodrigues as a tourist destination;

(v) to undertake and commission promotion campaigns; and

(vi) to provide information to Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

TAKEN NOTE

(i) that the Commission for Education will incorporate History and Geography of Rodrigues in the School Curriculum Form I and Form II students in Rodrigues as supplementary materials as from academic year 2011 on a trial in view of enhancing the awareness of Young Rodriguans on the historical and geographical aspects of the island.
TAKEN NOTE

(ii) that a draft Instruction and Guidelines Manual for Integrated Regional Offices has been prepared with the aim to provide the necessary guidelines and set out procedures that would ensure an appropriate level of standardization in the application of rules, regulations and procedures in the running of the six Integrated Regional Offices and in the delivery of services.

(iii) that the Commission for Public Infrastructure will sign a service agreement with Tractor and Equipment (Mauritius) Ltd. which will undertake to service the Bell loader recently purchased at the Commission for the loading of bulky wastes.

(iv) that the Commission for Agriculture has acquired the services of an international consultant, Mrs. Yvette DE PEYER who is in Rodrigues for two months in the context of the setting up of a project for compost production and micro projects in agro-ecology.

(v) that the Commission for Agriculture has signed an agreement with CIRAD and the University of La Reunion (Ecole Supérieure d’Ingénieurs Réunion Océan Indien (ESIROI) – Innovation Développement Agro-alimentaire Intégré (IDAI) for technical assistance to set up a meat (pork) processing plant. In this context, two student engineers (élèves ingénieures en agro-alimentaire à l’ESROI-IOAI 4ème année), Ms. VITRY Claire and LEGROS Marine are on a one week’s mission in Rodrigues for the following:-

(i) to finalise the scope of the meat processing project

(ii) to prepare the plan and other technical drawings of the plant

(iii) to prepare an implementation plan for the project.

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