The Executive Council met at 10.30 hours this Friday 20 May 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED

(i) to provide financial assistance to two professional fishermen whose boats were lost at sea so that they can purchase new fishing boats to continue their activities.

(ii) to approve the construction of an extension of six additional classrooms at Terre Rouge Primary Government School to address the acute shortage of space to accommodate pupils. It is foreseen that with the continuous increase in the intake of pupils each year, there is a strong need for the construction of additional classrooms.

(iii) to approve the contracting out of site works at Mt Charlot Community School for the timely completion of the school to accommodate pupils as from January 2012 to relieve prevailing pressure at Basile Allas Port Mathurin Government School. A contract for the completion of outstanding building, mechanical and electrical works at Mt Charlot Community School was awarded to Ireko Construction Ltd on 28 December 2010.

(iv) that 500 out of the 2000 CD “Les plus belles chansons de l’Ile Rodrigues” be earmarked for distribution to artists, stakeholders and for gifts purposes and the remaining 1500 CD will be sold by Discovery Rodrigues Ltd/ Rodrigues Tourism Office at a wholesale price of Rs 250 and a retail price Rs 300. The launching of the CD will be held on Saturday 21 May at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir in the context of the World Day for Cultural Diversity.
DECIDED

(v) to approve the participation of a delegation headed by the Deputy Chief Commissioner and comprising members of “Femmes Entreprendre au Feminin Ocean Indien Rodrigues” in the FCEM World Committee to be held from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 May 2011 at the Maritim Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius. The theme chosen for the event is "Women Entrepreneurs: the driving force for economic empowerment".

(vi) to approve the provision of construction materials to the cost Rs 25,000 each as per the elderly scheme to two beneficiaries of Mt. Fanal and Baie du Nord respectively, both old aged pensioners, for the construction a new house so that they may live decently during their old age. A survey has been carried out by the inspectorate staff, who concurs with the recommendation of the Commission for Social Security to assist these two persons who are living in precarious dwellings.

TAKEN NOTE:

(i) that in the context of the implementation of a project entitled “Millennium Development Goals (MDG) with Creative Teachers” in primary schools under the guidance of the Mauritius Institute of Education-MIE, teachers are being called to develop practices around the themes exposed by the MDG to influence classroom situations during working hours within their own syllabus. Following a two day workshop conducted by the MIE in December last year primary school teachers have been in a position to select one theme to be developed as a project with their pupils in their respective classroom situations. As a last step, teachers and pupils will be involved in a kite flying activity which has been scheduled for Friday 27 May 2011 at Mourouck Beach.
(ii) TAKEN NOTE: of the number of children who have been registered for admission in standard one classes in 2012 and the choice of parents for an optional language in line with the national policy to introduce Mauritian Kreol or kreol morisien as an optional subject in schools as from 2012 as follows:

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<th>Language</th>
<th>No. of applicants</th>
<th>Percentage %</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Hindi</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>2. Urdu</td>
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<td>7. Arabic</td>
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<td>8. Kreol Morisien</td>
<td>384</td>
<td>51.13</td>
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<td>9. Bhojpuri</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>10. None</td>
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(iii) the Mauritius Research Council has set up a technical committee, on which the Officer in charge, Fisheries Research and Training Unit has been designated to represent the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, to implement and monitor a national research program on the development of seaweed industry in Mauritius and Rodrigues. In this connection a contractual agreement has been finalised with the Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute from India to provide consultancy services to implement the pilot seaweed farming and the Consultant is expected to undertake its first mission by the end of this month.

(iv) that a delegation from ReCoMaP headed by its Project Coordinator and Team Leader and comprising three Experts on Octopus fishery is on official mission to Rodrigues from 17 to 20 May 2011 to present and discuss the experience of Madagascar on the management of octopus fishery particularly in respect of the introduction of a closed season. They met representatives of the Commission for Fisheries, Fishers’ Associations and Shoals Rodrigues and the Commission of Education for consultation on the introduction of similar management options in Rodrigues.
TAKEN NOTE:

(v) that the following activities will be organized at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir on Saturday 21 May 2011 to mark the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development:

- Prize Giving Ceremony of the Poetry Competition “Renesans” launched in the context of World Poetry Day on 21 March 2011;
- Award Ceremony “Prix Dina a Robi” to writers, authors and artists who particularly contributed in the cultural development pertaining to literature and artistic works;
- The launching of the CD “Les plus belles chansons de l’île Rodrigues”; and
- A Cultural show by artists and group forming part in the CD Project.

(vi) of the outstanding performance of the team of slammers from Rodrigues who participated in the National Slam Competition held on Saturday 14 May 2011 at Serge Constantin Theatre in Vacoas as follows:

**Inter School – Primary**
Notre Dame de Lourdes R.C.A School – 1st Prize

**Best Individual Slammer – Primary**
SAMOISY Jean Hervin of Notre Dame de Lourdes R.C.A School – 2nd Prize

**Inter School Secondary**
Marechal College – 3rd Prize

**Best Individual Slammer – Secondary**
HYPOLITE Christelle of Mont Lubin College – 1st Prize

**National Slam – Best Team**
Le Capitaine – 1st Prize
(JOLICOEUR Danoel, PIERRE LOUIS Stelio, CASIMIR Harel, AZIE Barthelemy)

**Individual National Slam**
PIERRE LOUIS Stelio – 1st Prize
(Mr. PIERRE LOUIS Stelio has been selected to represent Mauritius in the 5th World Cup for Slam in Paris, FRANCE from 30 May to 5th June 2011)
TAKEN NOTE:

(vii) that a financial assistance will be granted to the Group Angel Art and EcoRod to meet part of the cost of a cultural exchange programme they intend to undertake in Mauritius known as “Pot Pourri Culturel à la Rodriguaise” from 21 July to 9 August 2011. They are planning to present some of the cultural arts of Rodrigues including gastronomy, modern and traditional dance and music, photography etc... in some hotels to promote our culture in Mauritius and to strengthen the relationship between Mauritian and Rodriguan artists.

(viii) that ten return air tickets will be provided to “Rodrigues Trail Association” to enable a group of athletes to participate in the “Trail du Colorado” in Reunion Island on Sunday 5 June 2011. “Rodrigues Trail Association” has been set up following the holding of the 1st edition of the “Rod trail” in Rodrigues in November 2010 and they have been invited by the organising committee of the “Trail du Colorado” to participate in the Trail in Reunion Island with a view to reinforce the ties between the two associations.

(ix) that in response to a request from the "Association du Tourisme Réunie", the Rodrigues Tourism Office will organize, with the collaboration of Mauritius Tourism Promotion Agency (MTPA) and Air Mauritius, a tourism Road Show in Mauritius and Reunion Island from 26th to 31st May and 1st to 6th June 2011 respectively. The objective of conducting the road show is to meet professionals of the Tourism Sector (such as travel agents and associations) and the general public with a view to attract more visitors to Rodrigues.

(x) of the progress report of the RodClean Ltd. for the period January to March 2011 covering the following activities that have been carried out as per agreement signed with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly namely:- transportation of waste, cleaning of public toilets, cleaning of drains and canals and cleaning of roadsides.

(xi) that further to a proposal of the Commission for Agriculture, Food Production, Forestry, Plant and Animal Quarantine, State Land and Town and Country Planning, the National Empowerment Foundation Programme has agreed to fund a training programme for 30 unemployed youth on agricultural production to encourage them to venture in agricultural activities in a professional manner and to mitigate poverty among the youth and provide opportunities for their sustainable livelihood.
TAKEN NOTE:

(xii) that Mr. O. Jheengut, Deputy Commissioner of Prisons and Mr. R.A CONSTANT, Chief Prisons Welfare Officer are on mission to Rodrigues from 16 to 20 May, 2011 to advise on ways and means to improve the services at the Rodrigues Prisons as well as to train Prison Staff.

(xiii) that the Commission for Water Resources, Handicraft and Consumer Protection is contemplating the purchase and installation of a reverse osmosis brackish water treatment plant with a production capacity of 300m³/day at Caverne Bouteille. This measure will improve the supply of potable water to the inhabitants of villages like Dans Coco and Cascade Jean Louis.

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