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The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 24 February 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 that certain privileges granted to Members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly be reviewed downwards in view of the financial constraints as follows:-

- a communication allowance of Rs 1,500 to members and Rs 2,000 to Commissioners and Chairperson instead of Rs 5,500 to each member.

- One-off grant of a maximum of Rs 25,000/- once every five (5) years for the purchase of ICT equipments such as laptop, fax, telephone, etc instead of Rs 50,000 for laptop and Rs 15,000 for fax machine.

(ii) To approve that the Commission for Education organizes an Award ceremony to reward:

- The two laureates and the four most performing boys and girls of the Higher School Certificate Examinations 2011

- The first boy and the first girl of Le Chou and Marechal Colleges

(iii) To approve the release of an amount of Rs 1 million to the Rodrigues Water Company for the payment of salaries for the month of February 2012 and also the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the Company.
DECIDED

(iv) To approve the payment of a compensation to thirteen members of Port Sud Est Large Net Cooperative Society to the tune of Rs 70,000 per member for surrendering their fishing net licence and giving up with their net fishing activities in the South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA).

TAKEN NOTE:

(i) That the Flag Raising Ceremony will be held in all Primary and Secondary Schools on Friday 09 March 2012 at 09.30 hours and the list of Guest of Honours to attend the Ceremony.

(ii) That the International Women’s Day 2012 will be celebrated on Thursday 08 March 2012 and that an official ceremony will be held at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir. The theme for this year is “Connecting Girls, Inspiring Future”.

(iii) That a Career Guidance – Information sessions for prospective students is being organized on Saturday 25 February 2012 at 10.00 hours at the Human Resource Centre, Malabar in order to facilitate the enrolment of students in post-secondary and tertiary institutions through information and guidance.

(iv) That twelve recently recruited Student Nurses are proceeding to Mauritius on 25 February 2012 to attend a three-year training course at the School of Nursing.

(v) That following the invitation from the Mauritius Judo Federation and Associated disciplines and the “Ligue de Judo de la Reunion” four (4) athletes accompanied by one (1) coach and one (1) referee will leave Rodrigues to participate in the International Judo Championship in Mauritius and Reunion from 25 to 26 February and 3 to 4 March 2012 respectively.
(vi) That a delegation comprising of Mr. Svein MUNKEJORD, Senior Adviser at the Directorate of Fisheries and Mr. Erik HEMPEL from the International Fisheries and Aquaculture Consultant and Communication Adviser were on official mission to Rodrigues from 20 to 22 February 2010 to take stock regarding aquaculture development at commercial level in Rodrigues.

(vii) That the Rodrigues Tourism office in collaboration with the Commission for Tourism and other stakeholders are organizing “La Fete du Poisson” on 01 March 2012 at Baie du Nord to mark the official opening of the net fishing with theme “Protez nu lagon, nu rícès en danger”.

(viii) That the Commission for Youth and others in collaboration with the Commission for Sports will organize a ceremony at Batatran Community Centre on Saturday 25 February 2012 at 15.00 hours to reward Miss Anne Jelina BEGUE as well as her Coach Jean Francois ROUSSETY for her excellent performance at the World French Boxing Championship held in Italy on 11 February 2012.

Date: 24 February 2012