The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 24 June 2011 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mrs. M.T. CLAIR BRAULT and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

to approve the setting up of a Rodrigues Women Cooperative Credit Union Society with the objectives to:

(a) allow Women to make savings;
(b) empower them in term of management of business and budgeting;
(c) provide credit facilities on specific projects to women; and
(d) give access to capital

The Credit Union will be a non profit making organisation and will also be engaged in project write up and training for women. The first General Assembly will be held on the Saturday 2nd of July 2011 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir.

TAKEN NOTE:

(i) of the report of Invest Rodrigues in relation to the number of applications for licences received and approved since January 2011 to date. 96 applications for licences have been received and 58 have been approved. The licences approved range from Gas Seller (Retailer/Wholesaler), General Retailer Foodstuffs and Non foodstuffs, General Retailer (Foodstuffs), Caterer, Victualler, Hawker on foot, metal, welding, electrical and other allied traders workshop, wholesale Dealer, Hawker in van etc.
TAKE NOTE:

(ii) That for the months of January to May 2011, there has been an increase of 4.54% in Tourists Arrivals in Rodrigues as compared to the same period last year. For the month of May 2011 compared to May 2010 an increase of 14.56% has been noted. An increase from the following destinations are France (mainland): 46.93%, UK: 33.7%, Germany: 39.2%. It is worth noting that the Mauritian market is back again with an increase of 3% for the first 5 months.

(iii) That the Commission for Women’s Affairs jointly with the Commission for Youth and Sports is organizing the final of the 6th Edition of the Inter Region Women’s Athletic Day on the 31st of July 2011 at Camp du Roi Stadium as from 09.00 hrs. The aim of this event is to promote the practice of sports amongst women. It is to be noted that some 1118 participants were registered in May 2011 for the preliminaries.

(iv) That the Commission for Education in collaboration with the Commission for Women Affairs, the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) and “Les Moulins de La Concorde Ltée” will celebrate “La Fete du Pain” in Rodrigues. It is proposed to organize several contests such as:

(a) “Pains d’Epices”
(b) “Tartes locale”
(c) Gateau Pays
(d) Vannerie
(e) Biscuit Rodrigues
(f) Broderie fait maison
(g) Confiture fait maison
(h) L’Artisanat en Générale (Vannerie, Crochet)
TAKEN NOTE:

(v) That a delegation headed by the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mrs. M. T. CLAIRE-BRAULT comprising of an Acting Family Welfare and Protection Officer and Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child will attend the second regional meeting on Gender Based Violence, from 6 to 8 July 2011, St Denis, Reunion Island. Participants from Comores, Reunion, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rodrigues and Seychelles will attend this meeting. The objective is for stakeholders to learn from the measures that have been put in place in Reunion Island to fight against domestic violence, so that it may better be combated in Rodrigues. The regional platform and the campaign of the Secretary General of the United Nations on violence will also be launched at this meeting.

(vi) That the Commission for State Lands will proceed with the handing over of some 250 Residential State Lands Leases Letter of Intent on Monday 27 June 2011 at the Cultural Leisure Centre at Mont Plaisir. It is to be noted that since January 2011 some 800 Letters of Intent and Leases have been issued.

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