PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 30 March 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 grant of an office space at Port Mathurin to the Rodrigues Cooperative Credit Union Limited for a period of one year as they are facing difficulty to afford an office space at Port Mathurin.

(ii) To approve the release of a grant of Rs 980,000 in favour of the Rodrigues Water Company for the payment of salaries and other expenses for the month of March 2012.

(iii) To approve that authorisation be granted to the Pointe Coton Resort Hotel Co. Ltd. for the digging of one intake and one rejection well in connection with the operation of a desalination plant.

(iv) To approve the setting up of a Committee to work out the modus operandi of a proposed Deposit Refund System for alcoholic glass bottle in view of promoting Rodrigues as an ecological island.

(v) To approve the launching of an Entrepreneurship Training Course for the year 2012 with objective to empower young people and facilitate their socio-economic integration.
**Taken Note:**

(i) That three representatives of the Commission for Education have been nominated to form part of working groups set up in Mauritius in the context of the “Review of Certificate of Primary Education” in line with the Educational Reform Agenda encapsulated in the Education and Human Resource Strategic Plan 2008-2020.

(ii) Of the visit of the support team from the Institut Cardinal Jean Margeot (ICJM) Mauritius from 26 to 28 March 2012 in the context of the implementation of the project “Les Amis de Zippy” in all standard II of all primary schools of Rodrigues.

(iii) Of the grant of a one off book allowance of Rs 15,000 to each of the two RRA Medical Scholarship winners for academic year 2012 to enable them to meet the high costs of books for each of three level of their five year course.

(iv) That the French Expert, Professor J. MONTAGNIER and a delegation from “Institut de Physique du Globe” will be in Rodrigues on 4 and 5 April 2012 to undertake a “reconnaissance” mission with a view to determine the potential risk of strong tremors in the region as a result of seismic activities along the Central Indian Ridge.

(v) Of the appointment of three members to represent the general public on the Rodrigues Transport Committee.

(vi) Of the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company Ltd.

(vii) Of the re-composition of the Rodrigues Commission for Conciliation and Mediation.

(viii) That a delegation comprising of representatives from the Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development and Consultants from GIBB (Mauritius) Ltd are actually on mission in Rodrigues to carry out public consultations in the context of the setting up of an Eco-Village in Rodrigues.
(ix) That in line with vision of making Rodrigues an ecological island the Commission for Environment will implement an organised collection of empty toners and ink cartridges from offices of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, schools and private businesses.

(x) That the Commission for Youth will organise a Youth Community camp at Roche Bon Dieu Primary School during the Easter holidays with view to:

(a) provide a platform where all stakeholders/organizations dealing with youth in Rodrigues could meet and share ideas for the development and empowerment of youth in Rodrigues; and

(b) sensitize youth/youth organizations on issues such as environment protection/embellishment, sexual and reproductive health, “volontariat”, social and community works, etc.

(xi) of the visit of the delegation of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to discuss on development issues for sports in Rodrigues. A site visit was also effected at Camp du Roi Stadium whereby the proposed renovation works to the synthetic track was explained to all stakeholders.

(xii) of the proposal for a complete reorganization of the Fisheries Protection Service

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