

**CABINET DECISIONS – 23 JUNE 2017**

1. Cabinet has taken note that, on 22 June 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution A/71/L.73 entitled “*Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965*” by a majority of 94 votes.

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2. Cabinet has taken note that the e-Health Project would be implemented in phases in the Regional Hospitals, and the mediclinics attached thereto. The main objective of the Project is to have a single integrated source of information and a focal point of reference on all matters related to health with improved resource planning, allocation, monitoring and evaluation through the use of information technology.

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3. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Health and Quality of Life would promulgate the Food (Amendment) Regulations under the Food Act to streamline procedures for and review the scope of food-related business requiring pre-market approval permit under the Food Regulations 1999, as amended. The Regulations would, inter alia, provide for the following –

- (a) the application for pre-market approval permit, which would, henceforth, be made electronically through the TradeNet on the prescribed form;
- (b) determination of every application for pre-market approval permit within five working days from the effective date of receipt of the application; and
- (c) reasonably reduced list of food, pre-packed food, container or contact material requiring prior pre-market approval permit.

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4. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping would promulgate –

- (a) the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations to introduce new training requirements for all Seafarers in accordance with the 2010 Manila amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers 1978; and
- (b) the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watch Keeping) Regulations to introduce a specific limit of 0.05% blood alcohol level or 0.25 mg/l alcohol in the breath to limit alcohol consumption on board.

The Regulations would enter into force as from 1 July 2017.

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5. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training would promulgate the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) (Work Permit) Regulations, and the Non-Citizens Work Permits (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, to –

- (a) enable the online submission of application for a work permit, and online settlement of the relevant fees; and
- (b) reduce the delay to effect payment for the settlement of work permit claims and the annual fees to 10 days.

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6. Cabinet has taken note that Hon Justice Yeung Kam John Yeung Sik Yuen, GOSK, former Chief Justice, had been reelected Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination during the 27th Meeting of State Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

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7. Cabinet has taken note that, in the context of the commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed on 26 June 2017, the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would mount sensitisation campaigns, and organise a march from the Traffic Centre, St. Pierre to the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka to raise awareness of the harmful effect of drugs.

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8. Cabinet has taken note that the Association of Law Reform Agencies of Eastern and Southern Africa, in collaboration with the Law Reform Commission of Mauritius, would hold a Conference on the theme “*The Role of Law Reform in Development*”, in Mauritius from 29 to 30 June 2017. The purpose of the Association of Law Reform Agencies of Eastern and Southern Africa is, among others, to promote the exchange and sharing of ideas on the best practices in law reform and law development, and the development of legislation within countries in accordance with the principles of human rights, good governance and rule of law. Representatives of law reform agencies from 12 countries would attend the Conference.

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9. Cabinet has taken note that the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC) would launch the “*National Leadership Engine*” with a view to putting emphasis on developing leadership capabilities. The Leadership Brand would be based on innovation, excellence and trust. The NPCC would also mount a national campaign to raise awareness on the importance of leadership, and the need to develop leaders to take Mauritius to new horizons.

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10. Cabinet has taken note of the appointment of Mr Hoolash Lochee as General Manager of the National Transport Corporation. Mr Lochee holds an MBA from the University of Technology, Mauritius, and a BEng Honours from the King's College, University of London. He has worked in a number of African countries in senior management positions.

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11. Cabinet has taken note that Mr Ashvin Kumar Bundhun, Mr Muhammad Javed Codabux, Mr Mohammad Fadil Koodaruth, Mr Phalraj Servansingh and Mr Arvind Hemant Sookhoo have been nominated Members of the Medical Council of Mauritius.

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12. Cabinet has taken note of the constitution of the Board of the National Council for Sports in Schools and Universities under the chairmanship of Mr Stephan Rock.

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