

CABINET DECISIONS – 25 MAY 2017

1. Cabinet has taken note that the Steering Committee on the Metro Express Project, chaired by the Hon P.K. Jugnauth, Prime Minister, had met on 10 May 2017 to take stock of development in the implementation of the Project, and initiate appropriate action to address certain important issues. A Communication Cell has been set up for the purpose of branding the Project and mounting a sensitisation campaign on the Metro Express Concept as a rapid mode of transit and the creation of a new model of urban planning with urban terminals linking major towns.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping would promulgate the following regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act 2007 for the effective and efficient management of merchant vessels -

- (a) the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations to provide for the tonnage measurements of ships;
- (b) the Merchant Shipping (National Maritime Search and Rescue Organisation) Regulations to provide for the establishment, the objects and the functions of a search and rescue organisation;
- (c) the Merchant Shipping (Preliminary Inquiries and Formal Investigations of Shipping Casualties) Regulations to give effect to the International Maritime Organisation Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident (Casualty Investigation Code);
- (d) the Merchant Shipping (Classification Society) Regulations to give effect to the requirement of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, and also to provide for the signature of a Memorandum of Agreement with recognised classification societies; and
- (e) the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Submersible Craft) Regulations to provide for the responsibilities of the Registrar of Ships and the owner of a submersible craft.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the Mauritius Oceanography Institute and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India, signing a Memorandum of Understanding for research and education in marine sciences and technology. The Memorandum of Understanding would cover the following areas of cooperation -

- (a) exchange of scientists and research scholars for the purpose of research, training and consultations;
- (b) organisation of bilateral scientific and technical seminars/workshops/conferences and training courses on issues of interest; and
- (c) joint identification of scientific and technical problems, formulation and implementation of a joint research programme in areas of Marine Science of common interest, including climate, ballast water, biofouling, pollution and other coastal issues.

4. Cabinet has taken note that *Les Premières Assises de la Sécurité Routière* would be held on 8 June 2017 to validate the National Road Safety Strategy that defines the 10 strategic fields of action with an overriding objective of achieving a 50% reduction in the number of ‘killed and serious injury’ crashes by the year 2025. It will also be an opportunity to identify and measure any discrepancies in the Plan of Action on road safety. As the event is being placed under the patronage of the UN in the light of the UN recommendations at the mid-term of the Decade for Action, Mr Jean Todt, Special Envoy of the United Nations on Road Safety delegated by the UN Secretary General, will make an address on road safety at the ‘Assises’.

5. Cabinet has agreed to support the candidature of Mr Paul Lam Shang Leen, former Puisne Judge, to stand as candidate for election as Member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture.

6. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms would promulgate the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting (Oath of Confidentiality) Regulations under the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015 to prescribe the Oath of Confidentiality that the Director, a member, an employee and a consultant of the Integrity Reporting Services Agency would take on assumption of office.

7. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development would organise the following activities to mark the World Environment Day 2017, commemorated on 5 June -

- (a) an official ceremony at Le Pétrin when a toolkit on good environmental practices, and song and painting competitions on environment would be launched;
- (b) free guided tour at Le Pétrin (Black River Gorges National Park) from 5 to 11 June 2017 and distribution of medicinal and decorative plants;
- (c) workshops on the climate-friendly substances in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector; and
- (d) promotional prices to visit Casela Nature Park, La Vanille Réserve des Mascareignes, La Vallée de Ferney, La Vallée des Couleurs Nature Park, SSR Botanic Garden, and the Mauritius Aquarium.

The theme chosen by the United Nations Environment Programme this year is “**Connecting People to Nature**”.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund (SILWF) Committee with Mr Nazir Mohamad Ameen Junggee as Chairperson.
