

CABINET DECISIONS – 02 FEBRUARY 2018

1. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the participation of the Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister, in the 30th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU). The theme of the AU for 2018 is “**Winning the Fight Against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation**”. The Assembly examined, inter alia, the following issues, namely, the Institutional Reforms and the Financing of the AU; the Negotiations on the Proposed Setting up of a Continental Free Trade Area; the Reports on Peace and Security in Africa; and the Situation in Palestine and the Middle East.

During the session of the Assembly on Peace and Security, the Prime Minister had the opportunity to make a statement on the Chagos issue and reiterated the gratitude of the Government and the people of Mauritius towards the AU Member States, for their unflinching support to the struggle to complete the decolonization process. He made a request to the Assembly for a decision to be taken urging all Member States to make written submissions to the International Court of Justice. A decision was unanimously approved by the Assembly calling upon AU Member States, the Regional Economic Communities, the League of the Arab States, the Islamic Conference Organization and all AU partners to make written submissions to the International Court of Justice.

In the margins of the Assembly, the Prime Minister had bilateral meetings with Heads of State/Government, and Ministers of several AU Member States, as well as the Chairperson of the AU Commission. The main focus of the discussions was in relation to the Chagos issue.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the “*International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) – Task Force Meeting to develop the new Regional Strategic Cooperative Framework 2019-2023 for Africa*” would be held in Mauritius in March 2018. The IAEA is developing a new African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA) Regional Strategy Cooperative Framework for the period 2019-2023. During the Meeting, the draft Regional Strategic Cooperative Framework would be critically reviewed with a view to developing strategic programmes focusing on the priority areas of Human Health, Food and Agriculture and Radiation Safety. Some 40 participants are expected to attend the meeting.

3. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of the Tourism Employees Welfare Fund with Mr Claude Régis Narain, OSK, as Chairperson.
