

**CABINET DECISIONS – 20 JULY 2018**

1. Cabinet has taken note that HE Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China would effect a Friendship Visit to Mauritius from 27 to 28 July 2018. The President of the People's Republic of China would be accompanied by his spouse, and his official delegation would consist of 11 members. During his visit, the President of the People's Republic of China would have a *tête-à-tête* and working session with the Prime Minister.

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2. Cabinet has taken note that Mauritius has been re-elected to the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCON) during the meeting of the State Parties to the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty held on 14 June 2018 in Addis Ababa.

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3. Cabinet has taken note that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would organise a "*Regional Training Course on Safety Assessment of Radiation Facilities and Activities involving Radiation Source*" in Mauritius from 06 to 10 August 2018. The course aims at providing training on safety requirements for all facilities and activities. Some 35 participants from 32 African States are expected to attend the training course.

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4. Cabinet has taken note of the status of Phase I of the renovation works being carried out at the Port Louis Theatre by the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, in consultation with the National Heritage Fund given that the Theatre is a listed national heritage site.

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5. Cabinet has taken note that the Joint Commission between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Kenya would be held from 1 to 3 August 2018 in Kenya. The main issues to be discussed include Ocean/Blue Economy, Fisheries, Export Processing Zone, Special Economic Zone, Financial Sector and Business Exchanges, Maritime Sector, Air Services, Education and Sugar. The Economic Development Board would also organise a Business Forum on 1 August 2018 with the participation of Mauritian economic operators. In the margins of the Joint Commission, various Memoranda of Understanding would be signed.

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6. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of recent mission of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade to Kenya where he chaired the 21st Plenary Session of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS). The Plenary Session commended Mauritius for the organisation of the Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security in April 2018. The Plenary Session debated the outcomes of eight Working Groups and other related Groups. The main issues discussed included –

- (a) the need for the shipping industry to ensure compliance with best management practices;
- (b) the need to address the broader issues of piracy with respect to maritime security;
- (c) the setting up of a National Maritime Coordination Committee in Somalia where the Federal Government, its Ministries and Federal Member States would meet to assess priorities; and
- (d) the development of a communication and coordination strategy of the CGPCS.

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7. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Tourism to Reunion Island. The objective of the mission was to have consultations with the direct stakeholders to better understand the drivers of that proximity market with a view to coming up with strategies to redynamise the flow of tourists. The Minister of Tourism had meetings, among others, with -

- (a) Mr Amaury de Saint Quentin, *Préfet* of Reunion Island and discussed the need to energise the market on both ways and address the drop in visitors from Reunion Island;
- (b) Mrs Catherine Frecaut, President of the association of travel agencies *Enterprise de Voyages*;
- (c) Mr Didier Robert, *Président du Conseil Régional* regarding the issue of the Territorial continuity policy; and
- (d) representatives of the travel trade dealing with destination Mauritius.

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8. Cabinet has taken note that Mr Rajiv Ramlugon, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Omnicane Management and Consultancy Ltd would be the Chairperson of the Panel of Jury for the Public Service Excellence Award Edition 2017. The theme was "*Fostering Creativity and Innovation to Better Respond to Citizens' Needs*".

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