The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSETY G.O.S.K., and has among its deliberations:

**DECIDED**

(i) That following a consultative meeting with representatives of fishermen and fishmongers, the Commission for Fisheries, the National Coast Guard and representatives of the Association des Consommateurs de l’Île Rodrigues, the Commission for Consumer Protection is initiating procedures to review the prices of fish under the Rodrigues Consumer Protection (Chilled, Fresh and Gutted fish) (Maximum Price) Regulations 2018.

**TAKEN NOTE**

(i) Of the list of fifty-five applications for commercial and industrial leases that will be further processed and referred to relevant authorities for technical views prior to evaluation by the Business Project Evaluation Committee.

(ii) That in the context of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities which is observed annually on the 03 December around the world with the aim of promoting an understanding on disability issues, increasing awareness on the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life, the Commission for Social Security will organise the following activities in line with the theme “Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world”:

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(a) holding of a workshop on Saturday 26 November 2022 at Cascade Jean Louis Community Centre as from 09.00 hours;

(b) Marche Familiale on Thursday 01.12.22 as from 09.00 hours from Malabar to Tombeau Maragon; and

(c) recreational Day on Sunday 04 December 2022 as from 09.30 hours up to 15.00 hours at St Francois Public Beach.

(iii) That following field investigations, Mr. R. POKHUN, Principal Hydrological Officer of the Water Resources Unit of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities has identified five potential sites at Mt. Piton, Lataniers (Mon Plaisir), Nassola, Cygangues and Vanguard for the drilling of boreholes to increase underground water production as recommended by BRLi in its report entitled Consultancy Services for the Development of Rodrigues Water Resources Strategy and the Definition of Priority Action Plan submitted in May 2022.

(iii) Of the status regarding the relocation of 43 farmers and fishermen who were operating on the site earmarked for the construction of the new runway at Plaine Corail. Twenty-one producers have already been relocated, relocation works are ongoing in 9 cases and negotiation is being pursued with the remaining 13 occupiers with whom agreement has not yet been reached.

(iv) That the Island of la Digue in Seychelles has reiterated its wish to renew its twinning agreement with Rodrigues.

(v) Of the report from Commissioner for Forestry on alleged trafficking of sandal wood in the island. All sale of wood save eucalyptus wood by the Commission is being stopped pending further enquiry and investigations into alleged malpractices in the Forestry Services.

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Date: 18 November 2022