

**The Prime Minister:** Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like on your behalf and on behalf of the Members of this House to thank His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Madagascar for his thought-provoking address. This address is further proof that in you, Excellency, Mauritius has found a true friend and an ardent advocate of closer cooperation between our two countries.

I wish to thank and assure you, Mr President that we, in Mauritius, share your vision and that we will do our part in the realisation of that grand and ambitious vision. Your visit, Mr President, has opened new vistas of cooperation and has allowed us to chart the way to a greater integration of our two economies.

I am convinced that the personal friendship that exists between you, Excellency and myself, will translate into a mutually beneficial *entente* between Madagascar and Mauritius.

Mr Speaker, Sir, on behalf of all the Members and the Clerk of the National Assembly, I thank your Excellency, President Ravalomanana, for gracing this Assembly with your presence and address.

Thank you.

**Mr Speaker:** Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned to Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 11.30 a.m. as already resolved

*At 11.45 a.m., the Assembly was, on its rising, adjourned to Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 11.30 a.m.*