Honourable Members,

I have an announcement to make with regard to the <u>"PROTOCOL ON CONDUCT OF SITTINGS AND COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND OTHER PARLIAMENTARY</u> <u>ACTIVITIES AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC</u>", pursuant to Standing Order 77 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly (1995) on 04 May 2020 under my hand.

In the light of the Quarantine (COVID-19 Restrictions) Regulations 2022, published as Government Notice No. 155 in the Legal Supplement to the Government *Gazette* of Mauritius No. 94 of 30 June 2022, an amendment has been brought to paragraph (ix) of the said protocol and which now reads as follows –

Wearing of protective mask

(ix) Every person accessing the Chamber shall be required to wear a protective mask.

However, it is optional for any Honourable Member to wear a protective mask when he/she is given the floor to take part in the proceedings of the Assembly.

The wearing of protective mask is optional outside the Chamber.

Honourable Members are invited to stand governed accordingly.

I thank you.