

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT 2  
SITTING OF FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023**

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**Hon. Members,**

**I have an announcement to make following unfounded remarks made in the media regarding the acquisition of an official residence for the Speaker in the course of which it has been alleged that my office is being used as a courtier.**

**Hon. Members,**

**As the House is aware, the Speaker has always been eligible for an official residence. It is in this context, that the National Assembly has since quite some time engaged into discussions in accordance with the administrative, and legal requirements regarding the acquisition of an apartment from the National Property Fund Ltd, a wholly owned Government Company.**

**It must be emphasized that we are still at the stage of preliminary discussions and no firm commitment has been made from either party.**

**In any event, the advice of the State Law Office will be sought and obtained prior to the conclusion of any deal.**

**I have to reassure the House that these ongoing discussions are taking place between Government Officers of the relevant Ministries. I wish to inform the House that no Real Estate Agent has been solicited to participate in the discussions and no commission is envisaged.**

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