

**78<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF  
GLOBAL FORUM  
ON ROAD  
TRAFFIC SAFETY  
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**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

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**ROAD SAFETY**

# REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

PART 1

# GEOGRAPHY

- **MAURITIUS IS AN ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**
- **SITUATED SOUTH EAST COAST OF AFRICA**
- **SURROUNDED BY LAGOONS AND BEACHES**
- **TROPICAL, SUNNY, HOT CLIMATE**



# PART OF THE WORLD MAP

**POSITION OF MAURITIUS**



**Mauritius**

# N Africa



- 1. EQUATORIAL GUINEA
- 2. RWANDA
- 3. BURUNDI



# MAP OF MAURITIUS



**BLUE SAFARI**  
SUBMARINE

**MONT CHOISY**  
Beach, Subscooter Ride

**GRAND BAIE**  
Shopping Watersports  
Entertainment

**CAUDAN WATERFRONT**  
Shopping

**PAMPLEMOUSSES**  
Royal Botanical Garden



**PORT-LOUIS**

**BELLE MARE**  
Water Sports

**DOMAINE LES PAILLES**

**PHOENIX**  
Shopping

**FLIC-EN-FLAC**  
Shopping

**CUREPIPE**  
Shopping  
Ship Models

**ILE AUX CERFS**  
Water Sports



**CASELA BIRD PARK**  
Walk with The Lions

**L'ETILE**  
Eco Tourism

**TAMARIN**  
Dolphin Cruise

**BLACK RIVER GORGES**  
Eco Tourism



**Dodo museum**

**DOMAINE DU CHASSEUR**  
Eco Tourism

**CHAMAREL**  
Multi colour soil

**GRAND BASSIN**  
Hindu Temple



**SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**LE MORNE BRABANT**  
Heritage Site

**ST FELIX**  
Zip Line Ride

**GRIS GRIS**



# Facts & Figures

- ▶ **Date of Independence:** 12 March 1968
- ▶ **Population:** 1.3 million
- ▶ **Area:** 2,040 sq km (788 sq miles)

# LANGUAGES

- ▶ **ENGLISH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**
- ▶ **FRENCH IS THE SECONDARY LANGUAGE**
- ▶ **OTHER LANGUAGES INCLUDE HAKKA, MANDARIN, HINDI, URDU, ARABIC, TAMIL, TELEGU, MARATHI AMONG OTHERS.**
- ▶ **MOST OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK THE NATIVE LANGUAGE WHICH IS 'CREOLE'**

MAURITIAN

ECONOMY

# ECONOMY

- ▶ **REAL GROWTH RATE: 3.9 %**
- ▶ **INFLATION: 3.2 % FOR YEAR 2018**
- ▶ **UNEMPLOYMENT: 6.9% AS AT 2018**

# ECONOMY

MAURITIUS IS A MAJOR TOURIST DESTINATION

▶ NUMBER OF TOURISTS WHO VISITED

MAURITIUS AS AT DECEMBER 2018 WAS

1,399,408

# MAURITIUS

LANDSCAPE















# ROAD SAFETY

PART 2

# ONE MAIN GOVERNMENT POLICIES

- ▶ **ENSURE ROAD SAFETY  
OF ALL ROAD USERS**



# FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ **NUMBER OF VEHICLES REGISTERED AS AT DECEMBER 2018 WAS 556,001**
- ▶ **ROAD NETWORK IS 2275 KMS**



# NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS OVER THE YEARS

YEAR	NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS
▶ 2010	▶ 158
▶ 2011	▶ 152
▶ 2012	▶ 156
▶ 2013	▶ 136
▶ 2014	▶ 137
▶ 2015	▶ 139
▶ 2016	▶ 144
▶ 2017	▶ 157
▶ 2018	▶ 143

# CHALLENGE IN THE FIELD OF ROAD SAFETY

- ▶ INCREASING NUMBER OF ROAD FATALITIES
- ▶ NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS FOR TWO WHEELERS EVEN HIGHER, ACCOUNTING FOR 38 % OF THE TOTAL
- ▶ NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS FOR PEDESTRIANS IS 25 % OF THE TOTAL



# ROAD ACCIDENTS

- ▶ MAIN CAUSAL FACTOR IS SPEED
- ▶ SPEED THRILLS AND SPEED KILLS
- ▶ DESPITE AN INCREASE IN THE FINES OF MORE THAN THRICE SINCE 1 OCTOBER 2018, STILL NO CHANGE IN THE MIND SET



# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

- ▶ IN VIEW OF THE HIGH NUMBER OF FATALITIES, IN MAY 2016, MAURITIUS ADOPTED **THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY FOR YEARS 2016-2025**
- ▶ THE OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE BY THE YEAR 2025 THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS BY HALF





# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

- ▶ **A NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL HAS BEEN SET UP TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEN STRATEGIES**
- ▶ **A PANEL OF FIVE MINISTERS SIT AT THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION TO TAKE STOCK OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY**

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

- ▶ THERE ARE THREE PHASES OF IMPLEMENTATION  
(*ESTABLISHMENT, GROWTH AND CONSOLIDATION*)
- ▶ WE ARE STILL AT THE **ESTABLISHMENT PHASE**

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## THE TEN STRATEGIES ARE :

- ▶ (I) STRENGTHENING THE ROAD TRAFFIC LAW AND ENFORCEMENT
- ▶ (II) DELIVERING ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION
- ▶ (III) REENGINEERING THE DRIVING LICENSING SCHEME

(CONTINUED)

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## TEN STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)

- ▶ (IV) IMPROVING SAFETY STANDARDS OF OUR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
- ▶ (V) REORGANISE THE ‘ROAD WORTHINESS CONTROL OF VEHICLES’
- ▶ (VI) SETTING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## TEN STRATEGIES ( CONTINUED)

- ▶ (VII) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
- ▶ (VIII) POST TRAUMA CARE AND MEDICAL FITNESS TO DRIVE

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## TEN STRATEGIES ( CONTINUED)

- ▶ (IX) REDUCING ACCIDENT COSTS AND FUNDING OF THE ROAD STRATEGY
- ▶ (X) SETTING UP OF THE ROAD SAFETY ACADEMY

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

**IMPROVING SAFETY STANDARDS ON OUR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IS ONE STRATEGY**

- ▶ ASSESSMENT OF THE ROAD WAS CARRIED OUT BY SWEROAD FOLLOWING A TENDER EXERCISE
- ▶ 500 KMS OF ROAD HAVE BEEN ASSESSED NAMELY AT BLACK SPOT AREAS TO MAKE THE ROADS MORE FORGIVING
- ▶ THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN A PHASED MANNER



# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## **SWEROAD RECOMMENDATIONS/ IMPROVING THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

- ▶ RATIONALISE SPEED LIMITS THROUGHOUT THE ROADS
- ▶ UPGRADE THE SIGNS, USE MUCH LARGER WITH FEWER DESTINATIONS IN A STANDARD LAYOUT
- ▶ USE HIGH FRICTION SURFACING ON ROUNDABOUT ENTRIES

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## REENGINEERING THE DRIVING LICENSING SCHEME

- ▶ THERE WERE NO INSTITUTIONAL SET UP
- ▶ AUTO/MOTORCYCLE DRIVING SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SET UP, AUTO/MOTORCYCLE RIDING INSTRUCTORS HAVE BEEN TRAINED, POLICE EXAMNERS CARRYING OUT THE TESTS AT THE DRIVING TEST CENTRE HAVE BEEN TRAINED

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## REENGINEERING THE DRIVING LICENSING SCHEME

- ▶ DRIVING SCHOOLS FOR MOTORCARS AND FOR HEAVY VEHICLES NEED NOW TO BE SET UP
- ▶ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD ARE WARRANTED TO PROGRESS FURTHER

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## REORGANISE THE ROAD WORTHINESS CONTROL OF VEHICLES

- ▶ THERE ARE THREE PRIVATE VEHICLE EXAMINERS
- ▶ PROJECT COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY
- ▶ NOW WE NEED TO CONTROL MOTORCYCLES, AUTOCYCLES AND GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

## DELIVERING ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

- ▶ PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BEING TAUGHT ON THE ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AND HOW TO BEHAVE ON THE ROAD WHEN RIDING A BICYCLE
- ▶ PRACTICAL CLASSES ARE BEING DELIVERED
- ▶ TEACHERS ARE BEING TRAINED ON THE THEORETICAL ASPECTS
- ▶ FURTHERMORE STUDENTS WOULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO BEHAVE AS PASSENGER AND PEDESTRIAN

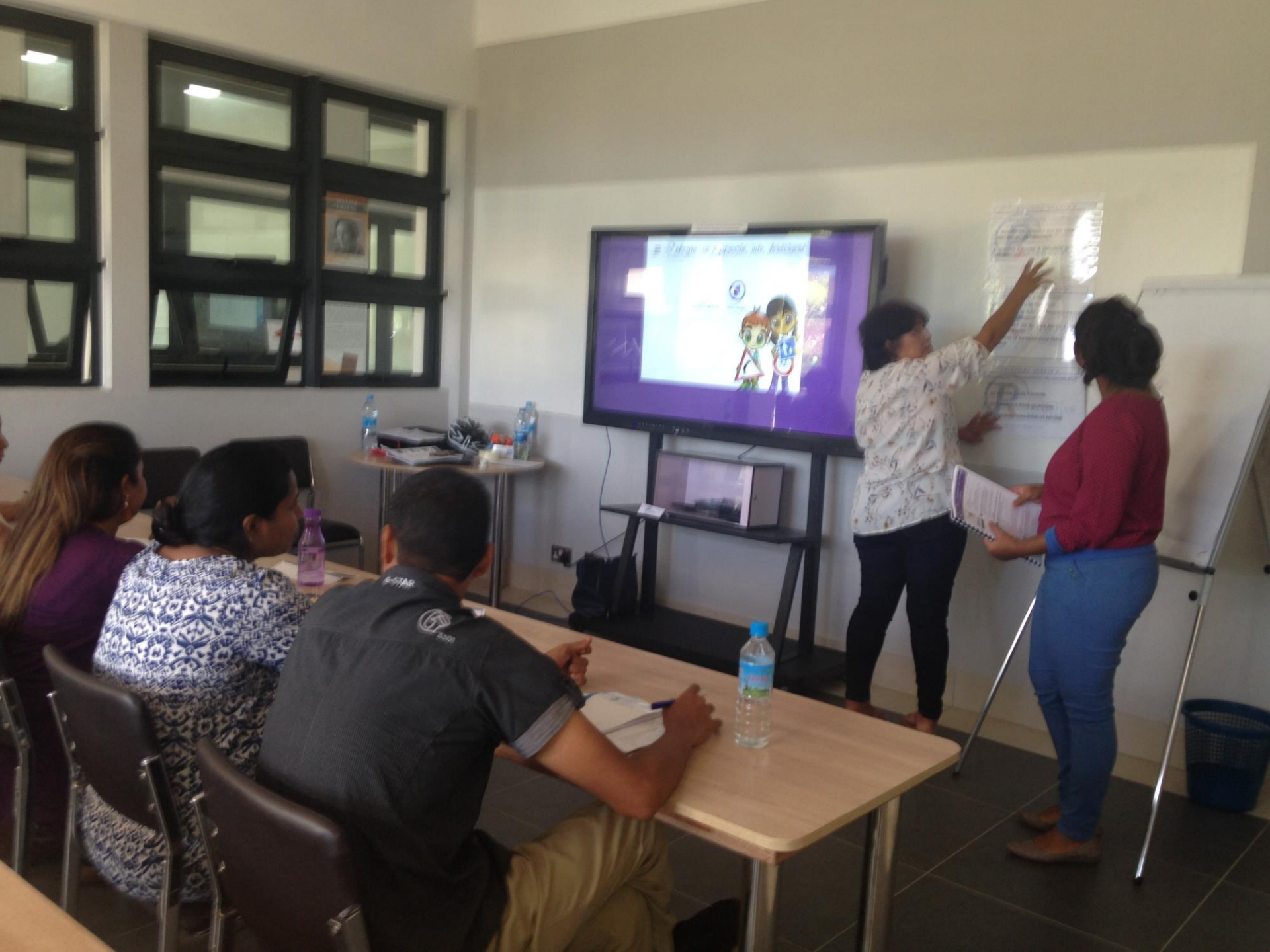


ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION  
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# 1968 CONVENTIONS

PART 3

# TWO CONVENTIONS ARE OF INTEREST FOR MAURITIUS

▶ 1968 VIENNA CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC

AND

▶ CONVENTION ON ROADS SIGNS AND SIGNALS 1968

# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions

## STRENGTHENING THE ROAD TRAFFIC LAW AND ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ IS ONE AMONG THE TEN STRATEGIES
- ▶ IF MAURITIUS SIGNS THE ‘1968 VIENNA CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC’ & ‘THE CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS 1968’
- ▶ WE WILL ALIGN MAURITIUS TO INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND HELP TO STRENGTHEN OUR DOMESTIC LEGISLATION

# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions

## WHY ?

- ▶ MAURITIUS RELY HEAVILY ON THE TOURISM INDUSTRY FOR ITS ECONOMY
- ▶ NUMBER OF TOURISTS VISITING MAURITIUS FOR DECEMBER 2018 WAS 1,399,408
- ▶ MAJORITY TOURISTS ARE FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS, FRANCE, UK, GERMANY

# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions

- ▶ ADHERING TO THE CONVENTION ON ROADS SIGNS AND SIGNALS 1968 WILL BE HELPFUL FOR THE TOURISTS AND EXPATRIATES IN OUR COUNTRY IN VIEW OF THE HARMONISATION OF THE LAWS
- ▶ THEREBY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ROAD FATALITIES

# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions

SADLY, ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS THE DEATH OF A  
NINE YEAR OLD BOY FOLLOWING A FATAL ROAD  
ACCIDENT CAUSED BY A TOURIST AS HE WAS NOT  
FAMILIAR TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN FORCE IN  
MAURITIUS & WE DON'T WANT HISTORY

TO REPEAT ITSELF

# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions

- ▶ **ADHERING TO THE 1968 VIENNA CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC WILL HELP MAURITIANS TO IMPROVE THEIR MOBILITY AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN:**
- ▶ (I) EASY RECOGNITION OF THE DRIVING PERMIT;
  - ▶ (II) ISSUANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT;
  - ▶ (III) ALLOW VEHICLES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AMONGST OTHERS



# Relevance of the 1968 Conventions CHALLENGE

## ▶ DRIVING PERMIT

ACTUAL FORMAT IS BASED ON THE SADC & THEREFORE  
CHANGES WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE BROUGHT IN THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

## ▶ VEHICLES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE DOMESTIC  
LEGISLATION TO ALIGN THE REGISTRATION PLATES OF  
VEHICLES

# STATUS/ PROGRESS FOR BOTH CONVENTIONS

- ▶ FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF MR JEAN TODT, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY ON ROAD SAFETY, WE STARTED TO WORK ON THE CONVENTIONS
- ▶ INITIALLY, BEING THE CHAIRPERSON OF BOTH COMMITTEES, IT WAS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE TECHNICALITIES OF BOTH THE CONVENTIONS

# STATUS/ PROGRESS FOR BOTH CONVENTIONS

- ▶ STUCK AND EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON MANY ISSUES SUCH AS MOTORWAY, POWER DRIVEN VEHICLE, VEHICLE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC, TRAILERS AND SO ON
  
- ▶ BUT FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF TWO UNECE DELEGATES WHO HELPED MAURITIUS TREMENDOUSLY, NAMELY:
  1. MR ROBERT NOWAK, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER; AND
  2. MR WYROWSKI LUKASZ ANDRZEJ, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICER

# STATUS FOR BOTH CONVENTIONS

- ▶ WORKSHOPS WERE HELD FROM 11, 12 AND 13 DECEMBER 2018
- ▶ FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOPS, WE GOT THE ESSENCE OF BOTH THE CONVENTIONS AND WERE ABLE TO PAVE THE WAY FORWARD

# PROGRESS ON 1968 VIENNA CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC

- CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH ALL PARTIES
- LEGAL VETTING HAS BEEN OBTAINED
- PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CLEARANCE IS AWAITED
- THEREAFTER, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT
- CONSEQUENTLY, THE LAW WILL BE AMENDED

# PROGRESS ON CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS 1968

- ▶ THE LAW IS BEING AMENDED
- ▶ CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MINISTRIES ARE BEING HELD
- ▶ ONCE COMPLETED, LEGAL VETTING, FINANCIAL CLEARANCE AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT

# ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS- METRO EXPRESS-CHALLENGE

- ▶ LAND TRANSPORT LANDSCAPE WILL CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER 2019 WITH THE ADVENT OF THE METRO
- ▶ ENSURE SAFETY OF ALL ROAD USERS
- ▶ NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS TO INFORM ROAD USERS

# ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS- METRO EXPRESS-CHALLENGE

- ▶ A CONSULTANT-CAF (SPANISH COMPANY) HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED ITS PROPOSALS
- ▶ ARRANGEMENT ARE BEING MADE TO AMEND THE REGULATION.
- ▶ HAVE IT ALIGNED WITH THE CONVENTION ON ROADS SIGNS AND SIGNALS 1968, WHEREVER POSSIBLE



# ROAD SAFETY FUND

MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

# ROAD SAFETY FUND

- ▶ FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF MR JEAN TODT UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY ON ROAD SAFETY IN JUNE 2017, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO SECURE ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES
- ▶ MAURITIUS HAS A LOT TO GAIN WITH ITS PROPOSED INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROAD SAFETY FUND

# PROGRESS ON THE ROAD SAFETY FUND

- ▶ FINANCIAL CLEARANCE AND PRIME MINISTER OFFICE CLEARANCE OBTAINED
  - ▶ LEGAL VETTING IS AWAITED
- ▶ CENTRAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO BE SOUGHT

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TRAINING FOR ALL OUR STAFF IS REQUIRED

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. ROADS SIGNS AND SIGNALS
2. SAFETY AT LEVEL CROSSINGS
3. ROAD CRASH INVESTIGATION
4. ROAD SAFETY ENGINEERING ASPECTS
5. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
6. TRAFFIC MODELLING
7. REVIEWING OF DRIVER LICENSING SCHEME
8. SETTING UP OF ROAD SAFETY PARK
9. SPEED CAMERAS
10. TRAFFIC LIGHTS

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

11. SAFE AND FORGIVING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
12. POST TRAUMA CARE AND MEDICAL FITNESS TO DRIVE
13. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
14. TRAINING ON DRAFTING OF LAWS ON ROAD SAFETY, MEDICAL FITNESS OF DRIVERS, CHILD RESTRAINT, PROBATIONARY DRIVING LICENCE, HELMET, ELECTRIC CYCLES amongst others

ON THIS NOTE, ALLOW ME  
TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION

I WISH YOU A GOOD DAY AHEAD AND A WONDERFUL STAY

