

## **IIM INSURANCE FORUM - PENSIONS and INSURANCE**

### **Speech of**

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### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

A very good morning to you

The long awaited private pension Bill was passed last Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. I would like to share with you some of the issues discussed, in particular those relating to expectations and confidence placed in the FSC. It was stated that the bill addressed the major shortcoming of the present legal set-up and arrangements and the absence of effective supervision to ensure soundness of the schemes and protection of beneficiaries.

The VPM and Minister of Finance further stated that, in administering the Act, the FSC shall aim to:

- maintain a fair, safe, stable and efficient private pension industry for the benefit and protection of employees and public,
- promote confidence in the private pension industry,
- ensure fair treatment to members of private pensions schemes
- mitigate the risk that the pension business is used for a purpose connected with a financial crime, and
- ensure orderly growth of the private pension industry in Mauritius

I believe you will all agree with me that these are laudable objectives which will contribute to the development of the pension industry in Mauritius.

It was also stated that the Private Pension Scheme provides for the framework for an efficient and effective supervision of private pension schemes in Mauritius, by the a single regulator, the FSC and covers the Licensing, Monitoring, Communication, Analysis, Intervention & Correction. You will also agree with me that we have a lot of work ahead in order to deliver on the tasks given to the FSC as the sole regulator of pension in Mauritius.

First of all, the FSC rules will need to be drafted, to supplement the given framework. As done for the legislation, when drafting the rules, FSC will continue to work in close collaboration with all stakeholders. We all recognise that this new legislation is the result of extensive discussions and working sessions between the operators the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and the Ministry. As such, I am personally happy that the constructive dialogue adopted by all stakeholders and our collective efforts are contributing positively to develop the financial services sector.

When carrying out its duties as the regulator for private pension schemes, the FSC will not compromise on regulatory standards or the exercise of supervisory scrutiny. However, you can rest assured that the FSC will continue adopting a non-conflicting attitude whereby we'll try first to see whether any divergence of opinion can lead to solution rather than counter-productive activities. We all share a common interest which is to encourage savings so as to provide for retirees after active working life, in order words pension schemes.

Thank you.