Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good morning to you

The long awaited private pension Bill was passed last Tuesday 10th 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.