

Acknowledgements

We wish to thank the people of Seychelles for their co-operation and assistance without which our Group could not have achieved its task. We were touched by the warm and friendly hospitality afforded to us wherever we went.

We wish to pay tribute to the Electoral Commissioner, Mr Gerard Ah-Shung and his team, who worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and peaceful process. We were also impressed by the professionalism of electoral officials on the three polling days.

We are grateful to the Government of Seychelles, the political parties, the Ombudsman, members of the diplomatic corps, non-governmental organisations, representatives of the media and the Churches and all concerned citizens who found time to share with us their opinions and concerns.

We also wish to express our appreciation to the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, and the Secretary-General of La Francophonie, Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, for giving us the opportunity to serve the people of Seychelles and the common endeavour of our two organisations in promoting the cause of democracy. Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to those providing support from the Commonwealth Secretariat and l'Agence de la Francophonie. Without their hard work, dedication and determination to assist and help, the Observers' task would not have been possible.

Annexes

ANNEX I

Composition of the Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group***The Rt Hon Sir John Compton, KCMG (Chairperson – St Lucia)***

The Rt Hon Sir John Compton was Prime Minister of St Lucia for five months in 1979 and for 14 years from 1982 to 1996 when he retired. He is now a barrister and international consultant.

Commonwealth Observers***Mr Iqbal Masud (Pakistan)***

Mr Iqbal Masud is a retired member of the Civil Service of Pakistan, an elite career service, and has held senior positions in the Government of Pakistan as Permanent Secretary in various ministries.

Ms Michelle C Momy (Canada)

Ms Michelle Momy is currently a Returning Officer for Elections Canada at federal level and a Returning Officer for Elections Ontario. She has provided technical assistance and/or observed elections in Cambodia, Central Africa, Comoros and South Africa.

Ambassador Anthony B Nyakyi (Tanzania)

Ambassador Anthony Nyakyi was the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Liberia from 1995 to 1997. He was also Tanzania's Permanent Representative at the UN for four-and-a-half years, during which he served as Chairman of the General Assembly's Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Oil Embargo against South Africa. He has also been High Commissioner or Ambassador to The Hague, Bonn, Harare and London.

Mrs Elaine Raftopoulos (Zimbabwe)

Mrs Elaine Raftopoulos is a Commissioner of the Electoral Supervisory Commission in Zimbabwe and has been an observer to several elections in East Africa. She is a former Deputy Mayor of Harare.

Ms Gisela Stuart, MP (Britain)

Ms Gisela Stuart has been a Labour Party Member of Parliament since 1997 and is a member of the Social Security Select Committee. She has been an academic lawyer and lecturer and is a member of the Electoral Reform Society and Charter 88.

La Francophonie Observers***Dr Gibering Bol Alima (Cameroon)***

Dr Gibering Bol Alima is a Member of Parliament in Cameroon.

Mr Mahmad Ally Dahoo (Mauritius)

Mr Mahmad Ally Dahoo is the Principal Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission in Mauritius.

Mr Michel Doucet (Canada)

Mr Michel Doucet is the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Moncton (New Brunswick).

ACCOMPANYING STAFF

Commonwealth Secretariat

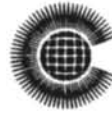
Mr Jon Sheppard,
Team Leader
Ms Cheryl Dorall,
Media Adviser
Ms Lorna McLaren,
Assistant to Observers
Dr Victor Pungong,
Assistant to Observers
Ms Praxede Weerasinghe,
Administrative Secretary

L'Agence de la Francophonie

Mr Issoufou Mayaki
Mr Philippe Pejo

ANNEX II

Commonwealth News Release of 10 March 1998 Announcing the Joint Mission



COMMONWEALTH

NEWS RELEASE

- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- AUSTRALIA
- THE BAHAMAS
- BANGLADESH
- BARBADOS
- BELIZE
- BOTSWANA
- BRITAIN
- BRUNEI
- DARUSSALAM
- CAMEROON
- CANADA
- CYPRUS
- DOMINICA
- FIJI
- THE GAMBIA
- GHANA
- GHENADA
- GUYANA
- INDIA
- JAMAICA
- KENYA
- KIRIBATI
- LESOTHO
- MALAWI
- MALAYSIA
- MALDIVES
- MALTA
- MAURITIUS
- MOZAMBIQUE
- NAMIBIA
- NAURU
- NEW ZEALAND
- NIGERIA*
- PAKISTAN
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- ST KITTS AND NEVIS
- ST LUCIA
- ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- SAMOA
- SEYCHELLES
- SIERRA LEONE
- SINGAPORE
- SOLOMON ISLANDS
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SRI LANKA
- SWAZILAND
- TANZANIA
- TONGA
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
- TUVALU
- UGANDA
- VANUATU
- ZAMBIA
- ZIMBABWE

98/13

10 March 1998

Commonwealth and La Francophonie Joint Mission to Observe Presidential and National Assembly Elections in Seychelles

A team of nine observers from the Commonwealth and *La Francophonie*, the association of French-speaking countries, will be present in Seychelles for the Presidential and National Assembly elections which are to be held from 20-22 March 1998. The team will be supported by staff from the Commonwealth Secretariat and from *l'Agence de la Francophonie*, the secretariat of *La Francophonie*.

This is the first time that the Commonwealth and La Francophonie are sending a joint observer mission to elections in a country which is a member of both organisations.

In making the announcement today, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, said that the Commonwealth and *La Francophonie* were responding to requests from the Government of Seychelles for the two organisations to observe the Presidential and National Assembly elections. A Joint Assessment Mission from the Commonwealth and *l'Agence de la Francophonie*, which visited Seychelles in February, established that there was widespread support for a joint observer group presence during the elections.

The Joint Commonwealth/*La Francophonie* Observer Group to Seychelles will be led by the **Rt Hon Sir John Compton KCMG**, a former Prime Minister of St Lucia. The other observers will be:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| Mr Iqbal Masud
Former Civil Servant | Pakistan |
| Ms Michelle C Momy
Electoral Officer | Canada |
| Ambassador Anthony B Nyakyi
Former Diplomat | Tanzania |

.. /2

ISSUED BY THE INFORMATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
Commonwealth Secretariat Marlborough House Pall Mall London SW1Y 5HX Britain

Tel: +44 (0)171-747 6385/6 Fax: +44 (0)171-839 9081 Telex: 27678 Cable: COMSECGEN LONDON SW1
 E-mail: info@commonwealth.int Web Site: http://www.thecommonwealth.org

* Commonwealth membership currently suspended

- 2 -

Mrs Elaine Raftopoulos Member of the Electoral Supervisory Commission	Zimbabwe
Ms Gisela Stuart Member of Parliament	Britain
Dr Gibering Bol Alima (<i>La Francophonie</i>) Member of Parliament	Cameroon
Mr Michel Doucet (<i>La Francophonie</i>) Dean, Faculty of Law University of Moncton (New Brunswick)	Canada
Mr Ally Dahoo (<i>La Francophonie</i>) Principal Officer of the Electoral Commission	Mauritius

The Group will be supported by a seven-member team drawn from the Commonwealth Secretariat and *l'Agence de la Francophonie*, led by Mr Jon Sheppard, Director of the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Note to Editors:

This first joint mission by the Commonwealth and *La Francophonie* reflects a new spirit of co-operation between the two organisations in areas of common interest. The two organisations worked closely when they both observed Parliamentary elections in Cameroon in May 1997.

This will be the third time that the Commonwealth is observing elections in Seychelles, the last one being the Presidential and National Assembly elections in 1993.

ANNEX III

Arrival Statement of 13 March 1998



Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

Arrival Statement

We are pleased to be in Seychelles at this important time. We are here in response to requests from the Government of Seychelles to Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, and Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General of La Francophonie, for the two organisations to send observers to the Presidential and National Assembly Elections scheduled for 20-22 March 1998. Our presence in Seychelles is supported by all the major political parties contesting the elections.

As Observers, we will be serving in our individual capacities and not as representatives of the countries, governments or the organisations to which we may belong. Our remit is to observe all relevant aspects of the organisation and conduct of the elections in accordance with the law of Seychelles, and to reach a conclusion as to whether the conditions existed for the people of Seychelles to freely express their will through the polls.

We have no executive role. Our function is only to observe the process as a whole. On completion of our task we will present a report to the Secretaries-General of our respective organisations, who will make it available to the Government of Seychelles, the political parties which contested the elections, and thereafter to all governments of the Commonwealth and La Francophonie.

In carrying out our mission, we will remain in close touch with the Electoral Commissioner and his staff. We look forward to being briefed by them on the preparations in hand. We hope to have meetings with representatives of political parties, non-governmental organisations and other interested groups. We intend to cover as much of these islands as possible, both before and on each of the three polling days, as well as to observe the counting of votes.

This is an historic occasion, not only for Seychelles but also for the two organisations as it will be the first example of the Commonwealth and La Francophonie observing elections jointly in a country which is a member of both organisations. We believe that this joint initiative will benefit the cause of the consolidation of multi-party democracy in Seychelles.

We are honoured to be here as guests in your beautiful country and greatly look forward to our mission.

Mahé
 13 March 1998

BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY HOTEL
 PO BOX 550 VICTORIA MAHÉ
 TEL: (248) 247 141 FAX: (248) 247 943



Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

DÉCLARATION D'ARRIVÉE

Nous sommes heureux d'être présents aux Seychelles en cette période importante. La mission conjointe d'observation est mandatée par les Secrétaires généraux de la Francophonie, S.E. Monsieur Boutros Boutros-Ghali, et du Commonwealth, S.E. Monsieur Emeka Anyaoku, à la suite de la requête adressée par le Gouvernement des Seychelles aux deux organisations, et appuyée par les partis politiques, pour l'envoi d'observateurs en vue des élections présidentielles et législatives qui se dérouleront du 20 au 22 mars 1998.

Les observateurs agiront à titre individuel et non à titre de représentants de pays, de gouvernements ou d'organisations. La mission prendra en considération les divers facteurs de l'organisation et du déroulement des élections en accord avec les lois des Seychelles et déterminera, en toute indépendance, si les conditions existent pour une libre expression de la volonté des électeurs seychellois à travers leurs votes.

La mission conjointe n'a pas de fonctions d'autorité; son rôle consiste à observer le processus électoral dans son ensemble et à formuler une appréciation en conséquence. A l'issue de son mandat, la mission conjointe soumettra son rapport aux Secrétaires généraux de la Francophonie et du Commonwealth. Ce rapport sera communiqué au gouvernement des Seychelles, aux représentants des partis politiques participant aux élections, et, également, aux gouvernements des pays membres de la Francophonie et du Commonwealth.

Pendant l'exécution de notre mandat, nous serons en contact étroit avec le Commissaire aux élections et son personnel. Nous aurons, par ailleurs, une rencontre d'information sur l'état de préparation des élections avec la Commission électorale. Nous aurons également des rencontres avec les représentants de tous les partis politiques, d'organisations non-gouvernementales et d'autres institutions concernées. Nous avons l'intention de nous déployer dans autant d'îles qu'il nous sera possible, avant et pendant les jours des scrutins. Nous observerons aussi le décompte des votes.

Cette mission est historique à la fois pour les Seychelles et pour nos deux organisations puisqu'elle constitue la première mission conjointe d'observation d'élection de la Francophonie et du Commonwealth dans un pays membre des deux organisations. Nous croyons sincèrement que cette mission conjointe servira la cause de la consolidation de la démocratie aux Seychelles.

Nous sommes honorés d'être les invités de ce beau pays et entrevoyons avec beaucoup d'intérêt la réalisation de notre mission.

ANNEX IV

Schedule of Engagements

Friday 13 March

- 0830 Joint Commonwealth/l'Agence de la Francophonie staff meeting
- 0915 Chairperson's meeting with Observers and Support Staff
- 0945 Press Conference
- 1030 Mr Gerard Ah-Shung (Electoral Commissioner), Mr Anaclet Tirant (Chief Electoral Officer) and Ms Barbara Quan-Yat-Coune (Chief Registration Officer)
- 1430 Seychelles People's Progressive Front (SPPF): Mr Danny Faure (Principal Executive Co-ordinator), Mrs Aude Labaleine (Co-ordinator, Communications) and Mrs Marina Pascal (Assistant Co-ordinator, Communications)
- 1930 Chairperson's Dinner in honour of the Electoral Commissioner

Saturday 14 March

- 0900 United Opposition (UO): The Rev Wavel Ramkalawan (Party leader), Mrs Annette Georges (Treasurer) and Mr Roger Mancienne (Party Secretary)
- 1000 Mr Bernardin Renaud, Ombudsman and Chairman, Liaison Unit of Non-Governmental Organisations of Seychelles (LUNGOS)
- Afternoon Chairperson, Ms Momy, Ambassador Nyakyi, Mr Sheppard, Mr Mayaki and Ms Dorall attend SPPF rally on Praslin
- Mr Doucet, Mr Masud, Mrs Raftopoulos, Ms Stuart and Dr Pungong attend UO party meeting on Mahé

Sunday 15 March

- 1000 Visit to Election Headquarters to view preparations for the elections
- 1100 Tour of Mahé
- 1530 Attendance at Democratic Party rally on Mahé

Monday 16 March

- 0900 Mr Ibrahim Afif, Managing Director, Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation
- 1000 HE Mr John Yapp (British High Commissioner) and HE Mr Marcel Surbiguet (Ambassador of France)

- 1130 The Rev Bishop French Chang Him (Anglican Diocese of Seychelles) and the Rev Bishop Xavier Baronnet (Roman Catholic Church)
- 1400 Mr Matthew Servina, Chairman, Forum for Progress
- 1445 Democratic Party (DP): Mr Daniel Belle (Secretary-General), Mr Bernard R Elizabeth (National Committee) and Mr Georges Bibi (National Executive Committee)
- 1600 Mr Albert Payet (Chairman, Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Mr Basil Soundy (Chairman, Federation of Employers' Associations of Seychelles)
- 1930 Chairperson's Reception for Observers and invited guests

Tuesday 17 March

- 0900 Meeting of Observers to review events to date
- 1000 Mr Maxime Ferrari, Director, Seychelles Institute of Democracy
- Observation of door-to-door campaigns
- 1400 Mr Gaetan Didon (Assistant Commissioner of Police), Mr André Valmont (Chief Superintendent) and Mr Robert Georges (Public Relations Officer)
- 1630 Mrs Jacqueline Sauzier, Secretary-General of the Seychelles Women's Commission, and 11 representatives of member organisations
- Observers meet to discuss deployment arrangements
- Observation of door-to-door campaigns

Wednesday 18 March

- 1200 Visits to the Headquarters of all political parties
- 1330 Some Observers attend Final Briefing of Presiding Officers by Electoral Commissioner
- 1400 Mr André Sauzier, former Director of Elections
- Afternoon Observers visit electoral areas and polling stations; check on arrangements for polling day; meet with candidates, party agents, representatives of District Councils, electoral officials and the general public

Thursday 19 March

- 0930 Mr Bernard Adonis, Secretary, Federation of Workers' Union
- 0930 Chairperson, Mr Dahoo and Mr Sheppard call on President René at State House

1000 Chairperson, Mr Dahoo and Mr Sheppard call on the Foreign Minister at Quéau de Quinssy

1230 Press Briefing to announce deployment schedule

Observers assigned to polling stations on Mahé visit electoral areas; check on arrangements for polling day; meet with candidates, Regional Electoral Officials, representatives of District Councils, the police and the general public

1815 Mr Dahoo and Ms Stuart deployed to Praslin/La Digue

Friday 20 March (Polling Day on Outer/Inner Islands)

0700 Mr Doucet observes polling on Farquhar and Assumption

0800 Ambassador Nyakyi observes polling on Alphonse and Marie Louise

0800 Mr Masud and Ms McLaren observe polling on Silhouette

0915 Chairperson and Mr Sheppard observe polling on D'Arros and Remire

Other Observers check on arrangements for polling on 22 March on Mahé, Praslin and La Digue

Saturday 21 March (Polling Day on Outer/Inner Islands)

0800 Ms Momy observes polling on Desroches and Coetivy

0800 Dr Gibering Bol Alima observes polling on Bird and Denis Islands

0800 Chairperson, Mrs Raftopoulos, Mr Pejo and Ms Dorall observe polling on Fregate Island

Other Observers make preparations for polling day on Mahé, Praslin and La Digue

Sunday 22 March (Polling Day on Mahé, Praslin and La Digue)

Observation of the poll and the count in designated Electoral Districts

2115 Chairperson's press conference to announce Interim Statement

2300 Some Observers attend at Election Headquarters for declaration of results

00hrs Observers return from Praslin and La Digue

Monday 23 March

1630 Attendance at Swearing-in Ceremony of the President and Vice-President at State House

ANNEX V

Statement of 19 March 1998 on the Deployment of Observers



**Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group**

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

News Release

19 March 1998

Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observers Deploy for Elections

Members of the Commonwealth/La Francophonie Joint Observer Group for the Presidential and National Assembly Elections will be present at polling in the Outer and Inner Islands of Seychelles on 20 and 21 March. The Observers will travel with the electoral officials and party agents accompanying the ballot boxes on planes or vessels to Farquhar, Assumption, Alphonse, Marie Louise, D'arros, Remire, Silhouette, Desroches, Coetivy, Bird, Denis, Platte and Fregate.

On 22 March, the Observers will be deployed to all constituencies in Mahe and Praslin, and on La Digue. They will observe the opening of the polls, the process of voting, the close of polls and finally the count at selected polling stations.

The Group will be deployed as follows:

Sir John Compton, Mr Jon Sheppard, Mr Issoufou Mayaki: *Les Mamelles, Plaisance;*

M. Michel Doucet, Ambassador Anthony Nyakyi: *Bel Ombre, St Louis, Port Glaud, Bel Air;*

Mr Mahmud Ally Dahoo, Ms Gisela Stuart: *Praslin, La Digue;*

Ms Michelle Momy, Ms Cheryl Dorall: *Takamaka, Anse Royale, Au Cap, Baie Lazare, Anse Boileau;*

Ms Elaine Raftopoulos, Dr Victor Pungong: *Mont Buxton, Victoria, Mont Fleuri, Roche Caiman;*

Dr Gibering Bol Alima, Mr Iqbal Masud: *Cascade, Pointe Larue, Anse Aux Pins, Grande Anse;*

M. Philippe Pejo, Ms Lorna McLaren: *Glacis, Anse Etoile, English River, Beau Vallon.*

Since their arrival on 12 March, the Observers have been briefed intensively on various aspects of the electoral arrangements by the Electoral Commission, the political parties and representatives of civil society.



**Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group**

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

19 mars 1998

**Deployment de la Mission conjointe du
Commonwealth et de la Francophonie
pour les élections**

Les membres de la Mission conjointe d'observation, du Commonwealth et de la Francophonie, des élections présidentielles et législatives assisteront aux opérations de vote dans les îles éloignées et les îles proches de la République des Seychelles les 20 et 21 mars. Les observateurs accompagneront les agents électoraux et les délégués des partis politiques, transportant les urnes, dans leurs déplacements, en avion et par bateau, vers Farquhar, Assomption, Alphonse, Marie Louise, D'Aroos, Remire, Silhouette, Desroches, Coetivy, Bird, Denis, Platte et Fregate.

Le 22 mars, les observateurs se déploieront dans les circonscriptions électorales à Mahe, Praslin et La Digue. Ils assisteront aux opérations d'ouverture des bureaux de vote, aux opérations de vote jusqu'à l'heure de clôture des scrutins, et suivront les opérations de dépouillement et de décompte des suffrages dans certains bureaux de votes.

Les équipes d'observation, constituées par la Mission, se déploieront ainsi qu'il suit :

Sir John Compton, Mr John Sheppard, Mr Issoufou Mayaki : *Les Mamelles, Plaisance;*

M. Michel Doucet, Ambassador Anthony Nyaki : *Bel Ombre, St. Louis, Port Glaud, Bel Air;*

Mr Mahmud Ally Dahoo, Ms Gisela Stuart : *Praslin, La Digue;*

Ms Michelle Momy, Ms Cheryl Dorall : *Takamaka, Anse Royale, Au Cap, Baie Lazare, Anse Boileau;*

Ms Elaine Raftopoulos, Dr Victor Pungong : *Mont Buxton, Victoria, Mont Fleuri, Roche Caiman;*

Dr Gibering Bol Alima, Mr Iqbal Masud : *Cascade, Pointe Larue, Anse Aux Pins, Grande Anse;*

M. Philippe Pejo, Ms Lorna McLaren : *Glacis, Anse Etoile, English River, Beau Vallon.*

Depuis leur arrivée, le 12 mars, les Observateurs ont eu à leur disposition d'amples informations, sur les divers aspects des préparatifs électoraux, qui leur ont été fournies par la Commission électorale, les partis politiques et les représentants de la Société civile.

ANNEX VI

Schedule for Deployment

	20 March	21 March	22 March
Team 1: Les Mamelles/Plaisance			
Chairperson	D'Arros/Remire	Mahé	Mahé
Mr Sheppard	"	"	"
Mr Mayaki	Mahé	"	"
Team 2: Bel Ombre/St Louis/ Port Glaud/Bel Air			
Mr Doucet	Farquhar/ Assumption	Mahé	Mahé
Ambassador Nyakyi	Alphonse/ Marie Louise	Mahé	Mahé
Team 3: Praslin/La Digue			
Mr Dahoo	Praslin/ La Digue	Praslin/ La Digue	Praslin/ La Digue
Ms Stuart	"	"	"
Team 4: Takamaka/Anse Royale/ Au Cap/Baie Lazare/Anse Boileau			
Ms Momy	Mahé	Desroches	Mahé
Ms Dorall	Mahé	Fregate	Mahé
Team 5: Mt Buxton/Headquarters Victoria/Mt Fleuri/Roche Caiman			
Ms Raftopoulos	Mahé	Fregate	Mahé
Dr Pungong	Mahé	Mahé	Mahé
Team 6: Cascade/Pointe Larue/ Anse Aux Pins/Grande Anse			
Dr Bol Alima	Mahé	Bird/Denis/Platte	Mahé
Mr Masud	Silhouette	Mahé	Mahé
Team 7: Glacis/Anse Etoile/ English River/Beau Vallon			
Mr Pejo	Mahé	Mahé	Mahé
Ms McLaren	Silhouette	Mahé	Mahé

ANNEX VII

Observation Notes for Poll and Count and Check Lists for Polling Station Visits

OBSERVATION NOTES FOR POLL AND COUNT

PART A

The Observers may focus particular attention on the following aspects of the conduct of the elections:

THE CAMPAIGN

1. Balance of TV/radio election coverage and extent and nature of access by the parties (e.g., allocation of time for political broadcasts and advertisements).
2. Print media: nature of coverage and extent of access by the political parties.
3. The tone and content of material put out by the political parties, access to facilities.
4. The conduct of political meetings/rallies (permits for public meetings?).
5. The conduct of house-to-house canvassing of voters.
6. Nature, scale and effectiveness of office of Electoral Commissioner and other voter education on radio and television, in the print media and by other methods.
7. Activities/measures to encourage the participation of women.
8. Access to funds and sources of funds.

THE POLL

1. The location of polling stations.
2. Distances travelled by voters to polling stations, particularly in rural areas.
3. The procedure followed at the opening of the poll.
4. The length of time voters wait to cast their votes.
5. The adequacy or otherwise of facilities at polling stations and their state of readiness.
6. Availability of adequate supplies, e.g., ballot papers, official stamps and stamp-pads, indelible ink, etc.
7. The performance of electoral officials at the polling stations visited.
8. The procedures in place to ensure proper security of ballot papers, ballot boxes and official seals.
9. Arrangements to facilitate voting by women.
10. The steps taken to ensure that the secrecy of the ballot is assured.
11. The general atmosphere at the polling stations visited.
12. Access of party agents to polling stations.

THE COUNT

1. Inspection of seals.
2. The process of reconciling the number of people who voted with the number of ballots cast.
3. The determination of invalid ballots.
4. The facilities for parties to witness and verify the count and overall transparency.
5. Access by domestic and international observers.
6. The conduct of electoral officers.

PART B

Questions that may be put:

BEFORE POLLING DAY

1. Was the Voters' Register compiled in a satisfactory way? Were people missed out? Were the names of dead people or 'phantom voters' included?
2. Who are the election officials? How were they chosen? Are voters confident that they will be impartial?
3. Is the person in the street satisfied with arrangements? Will he/she vote? If not, is he/she afraid to do so? Were there any attempts to discourage/encourage the participation of women and were they effective?
4. Have all parties been able to campaign freely? Has the campaign been free of intimidation, etc? Have all parties had full access to the mass media?
5. Is there freedom to advertise and distribute posters, leaflets, etc?

ON POLLING DAY

1. Before polling starts, are the ballot boxes empty? Are they properly sealed? Are all procedures being adhered to?
2. Are all parties represented at polling stations? Are they satisfied with the process?
3. Are voters apparently voting freely? Are they enthusiastic? Do they talk freely? Do they exhibit signs of fear or intimidation?
4. Do voters understand the procedures properly? If not, are the procedures being explained fully and impartially? Are attempts being made to suggest how voters should vote? Is anyone voting without a national ID card or other form of identification? Has any registered voter been turned away because they had no ID card?
5. Does the turnout indicate that women have been deterred from voting?
6. Is only one person at a time being allowed into the voting booth?
7. How long are voters waiting to vote? If a long time, are some being put off?
8. Will all parties be represented at polling centres throughout voting and count? Are party polling agents adequately trained and vigilant?
9. Will foreign observers have free access to all stages of the process?
10. Is the security presence effective/oppressive?

THE COUNT

1. Are the boxes kept safe until opened? Are all parties present at opening?
2. Does the number of used ballot papers tally with the record of those who voted?
3. Are the papers counted properly? Are counting agents present? Are they satisfied with the procedure of the count?

CHECK LIST FOR POLLING STATION VISITS

Name of Observer(s):

Place and Region:

Polling Station:

Time of Arrival:

Time of Departure:

Voters in Queue: Rate of Processing:

-
- | | | | | |
|----|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Opening of Poll: | On time?
No/Yes
Details: | Procedures followed?
No/Yes | |
| 2. | Layout and Facilities: | Good? | Adequate? | Poor? |
| 3. | Polling Staff: | Efficient? | Satisfactory? | Poor? |
| 4. | Security Presence: | Discreet? | Intrusive? | Oppressive? |
| 5. | Complaints by Party Agents: | No/Yes | Details: | |
| 6. | Complaints by Voters: | No/Yes | Details: | |
| 7. | Presence of unauthorised persons: | No/Yes | Details: | |
| 8. | Atmosphere at Station? | Orderly? | Tense? | Chaotic? |
| 9. | Secrecy of Ballot: | Assured? | Poor? | Uncertain |

10. **Voting:**
- (a) Personation attempts alleged: No/Yes
Details:
- (b) Multiple voting attempts alleged: No/Yes
Details:
- (c) Women deterred from voting: No/Yes
Details:
11. **Closing of Poll:** On time? Numbers still in queue?
Procedure followed? No/Yes
12. **The Count:** Are procedures being observed? No/Yes
13. **Apparent fairness overall:** Good? Acceptable? Questionable?
14. **Other Comments:**



LA FRANCOPHONIE

**Mission d'observation des élections présidentielles et législatives aux Seychelles
20 – 22 mars 1998**

Nom de l'Observateur :
 Région /Lieu :
 Bureau de Vote n°
 Heure d'arrivée :

Bureau de vote

- Heure d'ouverture..... Heure de fermeture

- Composition du bureau :

- Complet :
- Incomplet

- Nombre d'électeurs inscrits

- Nombre d'électeurs attendant pour voter

- Temps d'attente : Taux de participation :

- Présence de la sécurité : oui non

Matériel électoral

- Urnes oui non
- Cadenas oui non
- Isoleurs oui non
- Liste électorale oui non
- Procès verbal de dépouillement oui non
- Bulletins de vote en nombre suffisant oui non
- Encre indélébile oui non
- Tampons encreurs oui non

Commentaires :

.....

.....

.....

ANNEX VIII

Interim Statement of 22 March 1998



**Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group**

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

**Interim Statement by Sir John Compton, Chairman of the Joint
Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Mission to the
Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections**

22 March 1998

The Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group has been present in Seychelles since 12 March 1998, and was preceded by a joint assessment mission in February. Our team consists of myself as Chairman, with five observers from the Commonwealth and three from La Francophonie, supported by staff from each organisation. Our observers are experienced parliamentarians, election officials, diplomats and academics representative of our member nations and sharing a common belief in the fundamental principles of democracy.

Our group has taken care to develop a thorough understanding of the background to these elections and in particular the process of transition to multiparty democracy in Seychelles. Since our arrival, we have engaged in an intensive series of discussions with all political parties, the electoral authorities, the media, and representatives of civil society. We have viewed the physical arrangements for the elections, toured all the electoral districts, observed rallies, political campaigning and spoken with a large number of concerned citizens. We observed the elections taking place on the Outer and Inner islands on 20 and 21 March, and today (22 March) we have had members of our group present in each of the 25 electoral districts; we have observed the opening of the polls, the conduct of all concerned throughout the day, the closure, and the count which is still taking place.

We are honoured to have been invited here for this important occasion. We hope that our presence has in some small way contributed to the continuation and consolidation of multiparty democracy in the Seychelles.

It is our impression that the electoral process itself has been very well planned, organised and conducted, and this is a credit to the Electoral Commissioner and his staff. It is also clear to us that the people of Seychelles, and the three political parties, embrace the democratic spirit, and are to be congratulated on the harmony and enthusiasm which have marked these elections. We were, however, disturbed to learn of an incident on the eve of the polls in which a person was seriously injured by gunfire from the National Guard. We regret that this incident upset what had otherwise been a peaceful election campaign.

Our Group has encountered a number of comments relating to the linkage which still appears to exist between the ruling party and the state apparatus, and which has allegedly affected the extent to which the elections were being staged on what is commonly described as a "level playing field". There is no doubt that the party in government has enjoyed a major advantage of incumbency, especially in relation to funds available for its campaign. In particular, we have noted, with concern, the method of payment of large amounts of social security benefits immediately before the elections, and consider this is a measure easily subject to misinterpretation.

At the same time, we believe progress is being made to separate the Party from the State, and whatever Government emerges from these elections must consider itself to be the Government of all the people of the Seychelles and not only of the people who voted for the winning party.

At polling stations and as part of the voter education programme, voters were assured that "Your Vote is Secret". In our view, the secrecy of the poll was indeed assured.

Thus, while we are aware of various complaints, we do not consider them of such magnitude as to have affected the overall outcome of the election. We therefore conclude that the conditions we observed allowed the free expression of the will of the people of the Seychelles.



**Seychelles Presidential and National Assembly Elections 1998
Joint Commonwealth/La Francophonie Observer Group**

20 - 22 MARCH 1998

**Declaration provisoire de Sir John Compton, Président de la Mission
conjointe "Francophonie-Commonwealth" d'observation des élections
présidentielles et législatives aux Seychelles.**

22 Mars 1998

La Mission conjointe "Francophonie-Commonwealth" d'observation des élections se trouve aux Seychelles depuis le 12 Mars 1998, et a été précédée d'une Mission conjointe exploratoire en Février. Notre groupe est composé, ma personne mise à part, de cinq (5) observateurs du Commonwealth et de trois (3) observateurs de la Francophonie, et est assisté par par deux équipes de coordination technique envoyées par les deux organisations. Nos observateurs sont des parlementaires expérimentés, des responsables électoraux, des diplomates et des universitaires, provenant de pays membres de nos deux organisations et ayant en partage la croyance aux principes fondamentaux de la démocratie.

Notre groupe a particulièrement veillé à avoir une bonne connaissance du contexte politique et social de ces élections et, notamment, du processus de transition à la démocratie multipartite entrepris aux Seychelles. Depuis notre arrivée, nous avons eu une série d'entretiens approfondis avec tous les partis politiques, les responsables des élections, les médias et les représentants de la Société civile. Nous avons examiné les dispositions techniques mises en oeuvre pour la préparation des élections, visité toutes les circonscriptions électorales, assisté à des manifestations politiques organisées par les partis politiques pendant la campagne électorale et nous nous sommes entretenus avec des électeurs Seychellois rencontrés au gré de nos déplacements. Nous avons observé le déroulement des élections dans les îles éloignées et les îles proches les 20 et 21 Mars, et, aujourd'hui (22 Mars) les équipes mobiles d'observateurs ont sillonné les 25 circonscriptions électorales; nous avons, ainsi, assisté à l'ouverture de bureaux de vote et observé le comportement des personnes concernées par ces scrutins. Nous étions également présents au moment de la clôture

des opérations de vote et avons assisté au démarrage du dépouillement et du décompte des suffrages, activités qui se poursuivent encore à l'heure où la présente déclaration est rendue publique.

Nous sommes honorés d'avoir été invités à venir vivre, ici, et avec vous un événement aussi important. Nous espérons que notre présence a pu, un tant soit peu, contribuer à la poursuite et à la consolidation du pluralisme démocratique aux Seychelles.

Nous pensons que le processus électoral a été bien organisé, aussi bien dans sa conception que dans son application, et ceci est tout à l'honneur de la Commission électorale, en général, et du Commissaire aux élections, en particulier. Nous sommes convaincus, et nous en avons eu les preuves, que le peuple Seychellois et les trois partis politiques ont foi en l'esprit démocratique, et doivent être félicités pour l'harmonie et l'enthousiasme qui ont marqué ces élections.

Toutefois nous avons été désolés d'apprendre qu'un incident est survenu, la veille des scrutins, à l'occasion duquel une personne a été sérieusement blessée par un coup de feu tiré par un membre de la Garde Nationale. Nous regrettons qu'un tel incident vienne perturber une campagne électorale que l'on pouvait déjà considérer, d'une certaine manière, comme pacifique.

Notre groupe a enregistré un certain nombre de commentaires relatifs à la politisation, toujours vivace, au profit du parti politique au pouvoir, de l'appareil d'état, et qui a eu pour conséquence d'empêcher les élections de se dérouler, comme d'aucuns diraient, sur un "terrain neutre". Il ne fait aucun doute que le parti au pouvoir a tiré un avantage majeur du fait de sa position, spécialement en ce qui concerne le financement de sa campagne électorale

Nous avons constaté, avec un intérêt marqué, en particulier, le paiement, inopportun, avant la tenue des élections, de grosses sommes d'argent, provenant des fonds de la sécurité sociale et nous estimons que ces actions peuvent prêter à diverses interprétations.

Toutefois, et parallèlement, nous croyons qu'il y a un progrès en ce qui concerne la séparation de l'Etat et du parti au pouvoir et, selon nous, tout gouvernement qui sera installé, à l'issue de ces élections, devra se

considérer comme étant le gouvernement du peuple Seychellois dans sa totalité, et non celui de la fraction de la population qui a apporté les suffrages qui ont permis à son parti d'être victorieux.

Quant à vous, électeurs Seychellois, dans les bureaux de vote, et conformément au programme de formation des électeurs, vous étiez assurés que "Votre Vote est Secret". De notre point de vue, nous considérons que le secret du vote a été très largement respecté.

Ainsi, alors que nous parvenaient des réclamations de nature variée, nous ne croyons pas qu'elles aient été assez significatives pour avoir pu affecter le resultat final de ces scrutins.

Nous concluons que les conditions qui étaient reunies, à l'occasion de ces élections présidentielles et législatives, permettent l'expression du libre choix du peuple Seychellois.

ANNEX IX

List of Electoral Districts

Elections , March 1998
Polling

Electoral Areas	No of Eligible Voters
Anse Aux Pins	2717
Anse Boileau	2865
Au Cap	1959
Anse Etoile	2622
Anse Royale	2725
Baie Lazare	2119
Baie Ste Anne	2274
Beau Vallon	2617
Bel Air	2172
Belombre	2175
Cascade	2230
English River	2251
Glacis	2507
Grand Anse Mahe	1694
Grand Anse Praslin	2040
Inner Islands	1737
Les Mamelles	2137
Mont Buxton	2624
Mont Fleuri	2687
Plaisance	3052
Pointe La Rue	1866
Port Glaud	1476
Roche Calman	1268
Saint Louis	2655
Takamaka	1930
Total	56399

ANNEX X

Final Results of Presidential and National Assembly Elections (1998 and 1993)

Seat allocation			
1993	SPPF	DP	UO
Direct election	21	1	-
Proportional representation	6	4	1
Total	27	5	1
1998	SPPF	DP	UO
Direct election	24	-	1
Proportional representation	6	1	2
Total	30	1	3

**Presidential Elections, March 1998
Results**

Electoral Areas	Total Votes cast	Total Votes Rejected	Total Valid Votes Cast	Democratic Party Mr J.R.M. Maacham		The United Opposition Mr W.C.J. Ramakalawan		SPPF Mr F.A. Rene	
				No.	Valid Votes	No.	Valid Votes	No.	Valid Votes
Anse Aux Pins	2301	51	2250	332	14.76	431	19.16	1487	66.09
Anse Boileau	2446	30	2416	403	16.68	357	14.78	1656	68.54
Anse Etolle	2221	47	2174	303	13.94	514	23.64	1357	62.42
Anse Royale	2261	60	2201	216	9.81	431	19.58	1554	70.60
An Cap	1701	41	1660	147	8.86	486	29.28	1027	61.87
Bale Lazare	1856	47	1809	428	23.66	225	12.44	1156	63.90
Bale Ste Anne	1944	21	1923	173	9.00	214	11.13	1536	79.88
Beau Vallon	2152	50	2102	358	17.03	583	27.74	1161	55.23
Bel Air	1828	43	1785	263	14.73	409	22.91	1113	62.35
Belombre	1829	31	1798	321	17.85	431	23.97	1046	58.18
Cascade	1921	64	1857	229	12.33	289	15.56	1339	72.11
English River	1841	36	1805	251	13.91	372	20.61	1182	65.48
Glacis	2134	39	2095	366	17.47	436	20.81	1293	61.72
Grand Anse Mahe	1428	27	1401	141	10.06	222	15.85	1038	74.09
Grand Anse Praslin	1747	26	1721	231	13.42	246	14.29	1244	72.28
Inner Islands	1505	17	1488	90	6.05	183	12.30	1215	81.65
Les Mamelles	1826	52	1774	259	14.60	369	20.80	1146	64.60
Mont Buxton	2114	42	2072	321	15.49	496	23.94	1255	60.57
Mont Fleuri	2165	53	2112	316	14.96	453	21.45	1343	63.59
Plaisance	2518	45	2473	242	9.79	481	19.45	1750	70.76
Pointe La Rue	1605	32	1573	157	9.98	230	14.62	1186	75.40
Port Gaud	1278	36	1242	212	17.07	195	15.70	835	67.23
Roche Calman	1082	15	1067	99	9.28	166	15.56	802	75.16
Saint Louis	2154	42	2112	373	17.66	576	27.27	1163	55.07
Takamaka	1693	30	1663	196	11.79	303	18.22	1164	69.99
Total	47550	977	46573	6427	13.80	9098	19.53	31048	66.67

National Assembly Elections, March 1998								
Results								
Electoral Area	No of Eligible Voters ¹ 5mth	Under 18 years	No of Eligible 18 and over	Total Votes cast	Total Votes Rejected	Total Valid Votes Cast	Democratic Party No.	% of Valid Votes cast
Anse Aux Pins	2717	86	2631	2301	52	2249	Danny F. Rath 215	9.56
Anse Boileau	2865	88	2777	2446	47	2399	Marie L. J. Loizeau 242	10.09
Anse Etoile	2622	76	2546	2223	53	2170	Alderick Benoitson 251	11.57
Anse Royale	2725	70	2655	2260	101	2159	Michel Valentin 256	11.86
Au Cap	1999	65	1894	1701	46	1655	Gina A. E. Michel 74	4.47
Bale Lazare	2119	57	2062	1857	60	1797	Louis C. Chetty 546	30.38
Bale Ste Anne	2274	71	2203	1944	24	1920	Lionel H. Marie 116	6.04
Beau Vallon	2617	63	2554	2152	47	2105	Paul B. Chow 353	16.77
Bel Air	2172	53	2119	1827	41	1786	Bernard R. Elizabeth 263	14.73
Belombrs	2175	55	2120	1830	46	1784	Juliette H. Aznis 279	15.64
Cascade	2230	71	2159	1921	58	1863	Jeffry J. Hermitte 172	9.23
English River	2251	59	2192	1841	42	1799	Hugues C. A. Hourcau 174	9.67
Glacis	2507	63	2444	2133	48	2085	Daniel J. Belle 490	23.50
Grand Anse Mahé	1694	55	1639	1428	38	1390	Hervey A. Anthony 109	7.84
Grand Anse Praliné	2040	58	1982	1745	36	1709	David G. Joubert 210	12.29
Inner Islands	1737	33	1704	1505	31	1474	Brian M. Quilindo 38	2.58
Les Mamelles	2137	60	2077	1827	93	1734	Jeanette M. Elizabeth 193	11.13
Mont Buxton	2624	64	2560	2112	52	2060	Gonzagues A. D'Orfby 410	19.90
Mont Fleuri	2687	59	2628	2181	84	2097	Ayub B. Adam 226	10.78
Plaimance	3052	72	2980	2524	33	2491	Gibert M. Groen 118	4.74
Pointe La Rue	1866	64	1802	1604	44	1560	Julienne F. Veidhuem 141	9.04
Port Glaud	1476	36	1440	1278	35	1243	Noélie F. Isaac 159	12.79
Roche Caiman	1268	53	1215	1082	15	1067	Jenny A. Adria 66	6.19
Saint Louis	2655	72	2583	2153	41	2112	Georges R. Bibi 252	11.93
Takamaka	1930	49	1881	1693	38	1655	Michel P. Savy 256	15.47
Total	56399	1552	54847	47548	1205	46343	5609	12.10
Proportional Allocation							1.210	

National Assembly Elections, March 1998						Turnout=86.7%
Results						
United Opposition No.	% of Valid Votes cast	SPPF No.	% of Valid Votes cast	Independent No.	% of Valid Votes cast	Elected
Ralph M G Volcere 669	29.75	Walter J F Confort 1365	60.69			Walter J.F. Confort
Gabriel F Houreau 537	22.38	Andre L B Pool 1620	67.53			Andre L.B. Pool
Ebrons Broche 604	27.83	Roger J Toussaint 1315	60.60			Roger J. Toussaint
Hardy D Lucas 530	24.55	Barry J J Faure 1373	63.59			Barry J.J. Faure
Anthony G Deryjacques 737	44.53	Bernard A. Valentin 844	51.00			Bernard A. Valentin
Simon A. Belle 284	15.80	Angé D. Moril 967	53.81			Angé D. Moril
Karl E.R. Souffle 364	18.96	Milicy MT. Larue 1440	75.00			Milicy MT. Larue
Collin J Dyer 659	31.31	Marie-Louise C. Potter 1093	51.92			Marie-Louise C. Potter
Alan M. B. St. Ange 532	29.79	Georgie M. Nicette 991	55.49			Georgie M. Nicette
Nicholas G. Prea 575	32.23	Danny A. Lotarsu 930	52.13			Danny A. Lotarsu
Luc A. Chang-Ko 274	14.71	Charles J De Commarmond 1417	76.06			Charles J De Commarmond
Viral V Dhaese 495	27.52	Patrick M.A. Hermine 1130	62.81			Patrick M.A. Hermine
Regina L. Dine 477	22.88	Gilbert F. Barbier 1118	53.62			Gilbert F. Barbier
Roger A. Mancienne 356	25.61	Waves W. William 925	66.55			Waves W. William
John J. Lablache 285	16.68	Karl R. Tamatave 1214	71.04			Karl R. Tamatave
Anna Rose E. Legge 285	19.34	Monica Jewhary 1091	74.02	Marston St. Ange 60	4.07	Monica Jewhary
Franky W. Simeon 475	27.39	Bramel J. Adeline 1066	61.48			Bramel J. Adeline
Gerald E. Julie 540	26.21	Linda J. William 1110	53.88			Linda J. William
Jean-Francois G. Ferran 604	28.80	Louis P.G. Gopal 1267	60.42			Louis P.G. Gopal
Bernard V.D.E. Georges 650	26.09	Vincent E. A. Meriton 1723	69.17			Vincent E. A. Meriton
Elbert M. Zialor 294	18.85	Dick P. Esparon 1125	72.12			Dick P. Esparon
David C. Pierre 302	24.30	Josette Gamatis 782	62.91			Josette Gamatis
Annette M. S. Georges 211	19.78	Jovanna E. Charles 790	74.04			Jovanna E. Charles
Wavel C. J. Ramkalawan 952	45.08	Bella T. Henderson 908	42.99			Wavel C. J. Ramkalawan
Patrick P. Larue 393	23.75	Berry Marie 1006	60.79			Berry Marie
12084	26.06	28610	61.71	60	0.13	
2.606		6.171		0.013		

Presidential Elections, July 1993 Results												
Electoral Areas	Total Votes Cast	Total Votes Rejected	Total Valid Votes Cast	Mr. F. A. Rene S P P F			Mr. P. J. R. Boule The United Opposition			Mr. J. R. M. Mancham Democratic Party		
				No.	Tot. Vot	Percentage	No.	Tot. Vot	Percentage	No.	Tot. Vot	Percentage
					Valid V.			Valid V.		Valid V.		Valid V.
Anse Aux Pins	2886	57	2829	1759	60.95%	62.18%	89	3.08%	3.15%	985	34.13%	34.82%
Anse Boileau	2478	24	2454	1540	62.15%	62.75%	36	1.45%	1.47%	878	35.43%	35.78%
Anse Etoile	2196	33	2163	1220	55.56%	56.40%	95	4.33%	4.39%	848	38.62%	39.20%
Anse Royale	2922	54	2868	1877	64.24%	65.45%	114	3.90%	3.97%	877	30.01%	30.58%
Belombre	1226	15	1211	536	43.72%	44.26%	56	4.57%	4.62%	619	50.49%	51.11%
Bel Air	1433	8	1425	738	51.50%	51.79%	69	4.82%	4.84%	618	43.13%	43.37%
Beau Vallon	2327	20	2307	1204	51.74%	52.19%	114	4.90%	4.94%	987	42.42%	42.78%
Baie Ste Anne	1639	13	1626	1167	71.20%	71.77%	58	3.54%	3.57%	401	24.47%	24.66%
Baie Lazare	1579	27	1552	928	58.77%	59.79%	44	2.79%	2.84%	580	36.73%	37.37%
Cascade	1702	17	1685	1117	65.63%	66.29%	26	1.53%	1.54%	542	31.84%	32.17%
English River	1830	26	1804	1025	56.01%	56.82%	77	4.21%	4.27%	702	38.36%	38.91%
Grand Anse Mahe	1318	11	1307	919	69.73%	70.31%	44	3.34%	3.37%	344	26.10%	26.32%
Grand Anse Praslin	1610	16	1594	1006	62.48%	63.11%	75	4.66%	4.71%	513	31.86%	32.18%
Glacis	1529	13	1516	780	51.01%	51.45%	46	3.01%	3.03%	690	45.13%	45.51%
Inner Islands	1463	15	1448	1132	77.38%	78.18%	62	4.24%	4.28%	254	17.36%	17.54%
Mont Buxton	2248	28	2220	1093	48.62%	49.23%	82	3.65%	3.69%	1045	46.49%	47.07%
Mont Fleuri	2963	23	2940	1682	56.77%	57.21%	129	4.35%	4.39%	1129	38.10%	38.40%
Plaisance	3805	41	3764	2160	56.77%	57.39%	169	4.44%	4.49%	1435	37.71%	38.12%
Pointe La Rue	1543	19	1524	1086	70.38%	71.26%	26	1.69%	1.71%	412	26.70%	27.03%
Port Glaud	1003	17	986	632	63.01%	64.10%	38	3.79%	3.85%	316	31.51%	32.05%
Saint Louis	2545	26	2519	1135	44.60%	45.06%	137	5.38%	5.44%	1247	49.00%	49.50%
Takamaka	1339	10	1329	891	66.54%	67.04%	45	3.36%	3.39%	393	29.35%	29.57%
Total	43584	513	43071	25627	58.80%	59.50%	1631	3.74%	3.79%	15815	36.29%	36.72%

National Assembly Elections, July 1993 Results										
Electoral Area	Total Votes cast	Total Votes Rejected	Total Valid Votes Cast	S P P F No.	% of Cast	United Opposition No.	%	Democratic Party No.	%	Elected
Anse Aux Pins	2886	51	2835	Walter J. F. Confait 1707	59.15%	Archange Michel 157	5.44%	Georges R. Bibi 975	33.76%	Walter J. F. Confait
Anse Boileau	2479	45	2434	Andre L. B. Pool 1557	62.81%	Philippe M. Arisoi 83	3.35%	Phillip H. Jumeau 794	32.03%	Andre L. B. Pool
Anse Etiole	2196	31	2165	Roger J. Toussaint 1227	55.87%	Gabriel F. Hoareau 135	6.15%	Pat R. Barralon 803	36.57%	Roger J. Toussaint
Anse Royale	2922	66	2856	Barry J. J. Faure 1884	64.49%	Kathleen J. J. Pillay 239	8.16%	Simon J. Mondon 733	25.09%	Barry J. J. Faure
Bale Lazare	1579	33	1546	Ange D. Morel 858	54.34%	Lewis B. X. Alexis 50	3.17%	Louis C. Chelby 638	40.41%	Ange D. Morel
Bale Ste. Anne	1637	20	1617	Mitcy M. T. Lanue 1095	66.89%	Karl E. R. Souffe 207	12.65%	Darrel D. C. Green 315	19.24%	Mitcy M. T. Lanue
Beau Vallon	2327	25	2302	Marie-Louise Potter 1178	50.62%	Colin J. Dyer 138	5.93%	Paul B. J. Chow 984	42.29%	Marie-Louise Potter
Bel Air	1433	10	1423	Michael A. R. Rene 708	49.27%	Alain St Ange 101	7.05%	Bernard R. Elizabeth 618	42.99%	Michael A. R. Rene
Bel Ombre	1226	17	1209	Francis Macgregor 502	40.92%	Serge J.L. Rouillon 78	6.36%	Christopher C. Gill 529	51.31%	Christopher C. Gill
Cascade	1702	27	1675	C. De Commarmond 1163	68.33%	Ronnie M. M. Delcy 37	2.17%	M. Y. Diana Barra 475	27.91%	C. De Commarmond
English River	1830	33	1797	Patrick Hermihle 1016	55.52%	Anthony Juliette 148	8.09%	Rose Marie Hoareau 833	34.59%	Patrick Hermihle
Glacis	1527	12	1515	Gilbert F. Barbier 762	49.90%	Kevin Jean-Louis 36	2.36%	George K. Michel 717	46.95%	Gilbert F. Barbier
Grand Anse Mahe	1317	23	1294	Waven W. William 908	68.94%	Roger A. Mancieme 112	8.50%	Antoine Mathurin 274	20.80%	Waven W. William
Grand Anse Praslin	1610	23	1587	Michel G. Gardette 878	54.53%	Luc J.C. Grandcourt 232	14.41%	Daniel J. Belle 477	29.63%	Michel G. Gardette
Inner Islands	1462	39	1423	Monica Figaro 1080	73.87%	Anna-Rose Legge 169	11.56%	Rex S. Choppy 174	11.90%	Monica Figaro
Mont Buxton	2247	48	2199	Simon J. Gill 1070	47.62%	Anthony Derjacques 192	8.54%	Gonzague A. D'Offly 937	41.70%	Simon J. Gill
Mont Fleuri	2963	37	2926	Florence Benstrong 1585	53.49%	Jean-Francois Ferari 353	11.91%	Eddie J. Nicock 988	33.34%	Florence Benstrong
Plaisance	3805	54	3751	Jeovana E. Charles 1959	51.46%	Bernard Georges 907	23.64%	Jean Khambatta 885	23.26%	Jeovana E. Charles
Pointe La Rue	1543	20	1523	Dick P. Esparon 972	62.99%	Ralph M. G. Volcere 57	3.69%	Nichol J. R. Gabriel 494	32.02%	Dick P. Esparon
Port Glaud	1003	29	974	Jinette Gamatis 640	63.81%	J.M. Ian Deroie 54	5.38%	Mary S. Jumaye 280	27.92%	Jinette Gamatis
Saint Louis	2545	39	2506	Bella T. Henderson 1034	40.63%	Wavel Ramkalawam 546	21.45%	Josen M.V. Stravens 925	36.35%	Bella T. Henderson
Takamaka	1340	31	1309	Jeanne T. Marie 861	64.25%	Patrick P. Lanue 132	9.85%	Judy A.B. Esparon 316	23.58%	Jeanne T. Marie
Total	43578	713	42866	24642	56.55%	4163	9.71%	14062	32.27%	
Proportional Allocation				6.32		1.07		3.61		

ANNEX XI

Code of Conduct for Political Parties

Referendum and Elections

Code of Conduct

The Office of the Electoral Commissioner and registered political parties have agreed on a Code of Conduct to be adhered to by political parties, their members and supporters in an election or referendum.

This Code of Conduct is aimed at maintaining a peaceful atmosphere during an election or referendum campaign and on polling day.

- (i) Existing election laws and rules must be adhered to.
- (ii) All political parties and contestants will have to extend all necessary help and co-operation to the law-enforcing authorities.
- (iii) Everyone should be aware not only of his own rights, but should also respect the rights of others.
- (iv) All political parties and candidates participating in the polls will extend full co-operation to election officials and ensure their safety until the polls are over.
- (v) Election campaigns should be so organised that a congenial and peaceful atmosphere prevails during polling.
- (vi) Nothing should be done that will create tension and disrupt the congenial atmosphere of the election. All parties shall exercise restraint in speech, manner and conduct, and show respect for the opinion of others so that electioneering does not turn into a war of words and confrontation.
- (vii) It is expected that criticism of opponents will occur during electioneering. However, indecorous and provocative speeches, statements, posters, taunting, ridiculing and innuendoes shall be avoided. Parties shall be careful so that behaviour, statements or comments do not cause unnecessary tension.
- (viii) All political parties shall be vocal against violence. No party shall give indulgence to any kind of violent activity to demonstrate party strength or to prove supremacy. All political parties will extend co-operation to the law-enforcing agencies for recovery of illegal arms. No party will take any initiative for the release of any person arrested by the police, forcibly or with arms, during an election or referendum campaign or in the polling station during voting or in the vicinity of the polling station during polls.
- (ix) All parties and candidates will have equal opportunity for publicity. Meetings, processions and other campaign activities of opponents cannot be interfered with. Posters and banners shall be displayed only in accordance with the Code of Conduct set out in the Schedule hereto.

- (x) Assistance of the nearest law-enforcing agencies will have to be sought to resist and check any sort of election offence.
- (xi) Any attempts to influence voting through money or allurements are election offences. Everyone should be aware of these offences.
- (xii) No Government transport shall be used to carry voters to polling stations other than persons working for Government departments who are on duty or persons living in Government institutions. This rule does not apply to a person who has the use of a Government vehicle and the vehicle is used for self and family.
- (xiii) No Defence Force vehicles shall be used to carry voters, including Defence Force personnel, to polling stations.
- (xiv) Defence Force personnel shall not go to vote in their uniform.
- (xv) Political parties will not procure voters by forcible occupation of polling stations or through illegal activities in the polling stations.
- (xvi) No candidate or party can commit or give covertly or overtly any contribution, grant or favour to any individual, institution, body or organisation until election or referendum day for the purpose of election campaigning and obtaining votes.
- (xvii) The congenial and peaceful atmosphere for an election or a referendum cannot be disturbed by spreading untrue and motivated rumour or by having recourse to conspiracy.
- (xviii) No election camps, check-points and refreshment stalls shall be set up by political parties, their members and supporters. There shall be no campaigning of any sorts either individually or collectively on polling day. District Council offices shall be closed on the day of the election or referendum. Voters must be left alone when queuing up so that they are not influenced in any way.
- (xix) Where a voter is incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause or otherwise, he may ask the Electoral Officer to record his vote in the presence of a person selected by him.

In those circumstances the Electoral Officer shall satisfy himself that:

- (a) the voter is truly incapacitated as he claims to be;
 - (b) that the person who is to witness the vote has been freely and genuinely chosen by the voter; and
 - (c) that the vote expressed by the voter is free. In this respect the political parties shall not abuse this procedure to pressure incapacitated persons to vote in their favour.
- (xx) In addition to election officials, only the voters are entitled to enter the polling stations. The political parties shall make sure that their workers do not enter the polling stations and loiter therein. Only the polling and counting agents will remain seated at their designated seats in the polling station and discharge their responsibility from there. No disruption shall be caused by the moving or changing of accredited agents.
 - (xxi) No person shall, in a polling station or within a radius of 200 metres from a polling station, be allowed to wear or display any cloth, banner, insignia, logo, bill or board indicating affiliation to or support for a registered political party. This does not extend to the wearing of any dress or clothes of a particular colour.

- 1.0 Use of bulletin boards.
 - 1.1 Any election or referendum notice, political advertisement or announcement shall be displayed only on bulletin boards.
 - 1.2 These bulletin boards or hoardings will be erected only at certain specific places agreed upon by the Land Transport Division, Police (Traffic Section) and Planning Authority.
 - 1.3 The Planning Authority, Police (Traffic Section) and Land Transport Division shall agree on the size, height and number of the boards to be displayed in a particular area.
 - 1.4 The Department of Tourism and Transport (Tourism Division) has already erected some permanent bill boards in Victoria. Only advertisements announcing local events such as educational, cultural, social or recreational and tourism promoting activities should be displayed on these boards.
 - 1.5 Extra bulletin boards (temporary) may be erected and allocated to the different political parties.
 - 1.6 Boards will be erected only fourteen days prior to the day of the election or referendum.
 - 1.7 All boards and political displays must be removed by the political parties as soon as possible, in any case within fourteen days of the close of the poll in the election or referendum in accordance with regulation 13(2)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, Cap 160.
- 2.0 Use of cloth banners.
 - 2.1 Easily removable cloth banners should be utilised as much as possible instead of pasted posters.
 - 2.2 Cloth banners shall be displayed only after the necessary permission has been obtained from the Land Transport Division and Police (Traffic Section).
 - 2.3 All banners shall be removed as soon as possible, in any case, within fourteen days after the election or referendum.
- 3.0 Use of paint.
 - 3.1 There shall be a total ban on the use of paint (liquid and sprays) to write upon, mark or paint any slogan on any road, pavement, telephone or electric post, wall, fence, etc, whether on public or private property.

This is an offence punishable under Section 183(j) of the Penal Code, Cap 73.
- 4.0 Electoral or referendum posters.
 - 4.1 Electoral or Referendum posters shall be affixed only on special boards erected for this purpose as set out in paragraph 1.

- 4.2 No poster or any other paper shall be pasted on any wall, building, road, pavement, telephone or electric poles, fence whether public or private property.
This is an offence punishable under Section 183(j) of the Penal Code, Cap 73.
- 5.0 Respect of others and their property.
- 5.1 Political party members and supporters shall respect others and their property and shall refrain from causing damage to any property whether public or private.

ANNEX XII

Correspondence Between Electoral Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Ministry of
Employment and Social Affairs

Republic of Seychelles
Electoral Commissioner
P.O. Box 741, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles
Telephone: (248) 225147 Fax: (248) 225474



Very Very Very Urgent

March 17, 1998.

The Principal Secretary
Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs
Unity House
Victoria

SOCIAL SECURITY EMERGENCY PAYMENTS

Please refer to our various telephone conversation of 16.3.98.

In order that I may be able to give a satisfactory reply to the numerous queries I have been getting on the above matter, I shall be grateful, if you would let me have a written explanation of the payments taking into consideration the following points.

- (a) the purpose of the payment
- (b) the procedure for qualifying for the benefit
- (c) the amount paid per person
- (d) which category of persons are qualified to receive the benefits?
- (e) why the payment were effected during the election campaign period?
- (f) the total amount of such payments during the campaign period (23 - 17.3.98).
- (g) the total number of persons who have benefited from the emergency payments during the campaign period.

I would also advise that your Ministry issues a press statement on the matter .

Thanking you for your kind cooperation.


G P Ah-Shung
Electoral Commissioner

c.c. Rev. W Ramkalawan - re your complaint.
Chairman - Com. Sec./La Francophonie
Observer Group- re your query.

MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

P.O. Box 190, Unity House, Victoria, Republic of Seychelles
National Telegrams: EMPSA, Seychelles Telephone: (248) 323911/322321
Telefax: (248) 321880, E-Mail Address: psmesa@seychelles.net



Our Ref : MESA/3/21

Date : 18th March 1998

**Mr G.P. Ah-Shung
Electoral Commissioner
AARTI Chambers
Mont Fleuri**

Dear Mr Ah-Shung

Thank you for your letter of March 17th 1998.

I am pleased to forward information as follows :

- a) One-off payments under the current welfare system are given to individuals or families in distress : i.e. in order to deal with the aftermath of natural disasters or fires, as assistance to household expenses where unemployment or illness (not covered by other benefits) has affected the family income or when a death has caused additional and unforeseen expenses.
- b) Anyone in distress and/or in need of financial assistance on a one-off payment basis may approach the Ministry in correspondence or by seeking an appointment with officers concerned. An interview is normally held to assess the situation of an applicant. If it is evaluated to merit help, assistance is provided within days. If not, no financial assistance is given.
- c) The amount paid per person varies according to the need assessed. Payments have ranged from SR300 to SR1500. However in a few cases amounts exceeding SR1500 have been given.
- d) Anyone in distress whose case has been assessed to be genuine may be assisted.

.../2

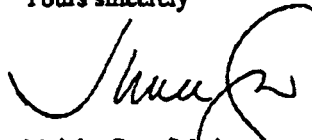
-2-

- e) One-off payments are made throughout the year. It is evident that periodically, some members of the public turn up to 'try their luck'. There was no reason to halt the procedure for one-off payments even during the period 2.3-17.3.98 as every case has been dealt with.
- f) In accordance with the social security legislation, I wish to advise that amounts of payments or the number of persons assisted cannot be made available.

The Ministry has not considered it necessary to issue a press statement on the matter.

I hope I have been able to clarify your query, but should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned again.

Yours sincerely




M MacGaw (Mrs)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY










ANNEX XIII

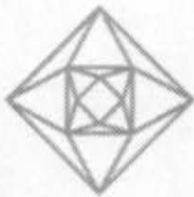
Sample Ballot Papers

SPÉCIMEN

BALLOT PAPER
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
MARCH 1998



MARIE, RICHARD, JAMES MANCHAM <i>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</i>			
WAVEL, CHARLES, JOHN RAMKALAWAN <i>THE UNITED OPPOSITION</i>			
FRANCE, ALBERT RENE <i>SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE FRONT</i>			






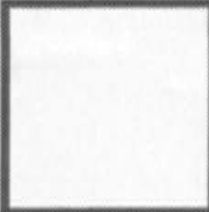





BALLOT PAPER
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

MARCH 1998

POINTE LARUE

SPECIMEN

<p>JULIENNE, FANETTE <u>VELDHUSEN</u> <i>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</i></p>			
<p>ELBERT, MATHIEW <u>ZIALOR</u> <i>THE UNITED OPPOSITION</i></p>			
<p>DICK, PATRICK <u>ESPARON</u> <i>SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE FRONT</i></p>			

ANNEX XIV

Office of the Electoral Commissioner's Instructions on How to Vote

HOW TO VOTE

1. Go to the Polling Station where you have been registered as early as possible. The Station opens at 7 a.m and closes at 6 p.m. Bring your National Identity Card or any form of identification such as your passport to identify yourself. Avoid wearing anything which may identify you as a member of any Political party and which may excite supporters of other parties.
2. Queue in the line outside the Polling Station and obey the instructions of Polling Officers to maintain order.
3. Upon entering the Station, go to **TABLE 1** where the **Check Officer** will check your left hand to ascertain that you have not yet voted. He will then put your left hand under the UV light in a second test. If no ink shows on your thumb and index finger you will move to **TABLE 2** where the Documents Check Officer sits.

1

UV LAMP



4. **The Documents Check Officer** looks for your name on the Register of Voters for your Electoral Area and then calls out your name, National Identity Number (NIN) and your Date of Birth for the benefit of the polling agents who are also checking their copy of the voter's register. He then puts a ✓ against your name in the register to denote that you have made an application to vote.

2

ID CARD
CHECK REGISTER



5. Answer any questions put to you by the Officer. You will then move on to **TABLE 3** to the Ink Marking Officer.
6. The **Ink marking Officer** marks your left thumb with indelible ink and sprays the index finger of your left hand with invisible ink. The officer then checks your left hand under the UV light to ensure that your thumb and index finger are well stained.

3

INK MARKINGS



4

UV LAMP



You then move on to **TABLE 4** to the **Ballot Paper Officers** to collect your ballot papers.

5

BALLOT PAPERS



7. There are two (2) Ballot Paper Officers. The first Officer tears two (2) ballot papers from the appropriate ballot paper books and passes them to the second officer who puts the official mark. He folds the papers to show you how to fold them after you have marked them.
8. **Look carefully at your two (2) Ballot Papers**
 - (i) The larger one, off-white in colour with black and gold border, is the ballot paper on which you shall indicate your choice of Presidential Candidate.
 - (ii) The smaller ballot paper, white in colour and without border is the one on which you shall enter your choice of candidate whom you wish to represent your district in the National Assembly. Both ballot papers will include the name of the candidates, their political parties, their party symbol and their photos.
9. Within the Polling Station you should not talk to anyone other than the Electoral Officer. If you are an incapacitated or illiterate voter, the person you select to act as your witness should not in any way attempt to or influence your vote. He/She should refrain from talking to you. He/She is there only to verify that the Electoral Officer or his Deputy has correctly recorded your vote.
10. Upon receipt of your ballot papers, go straight to a vacant polling booth and there you will mark your papers with the felt-marker which is provided. If you have any difficulty with the marker, please seek the assistance of an Officer.

6

VOTING BOOTH

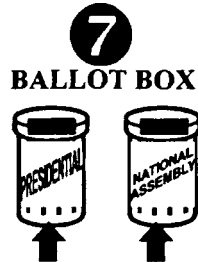


11.
 - (i) On the larger paper, off-white in colour with a black and gold border, insert a mark in the empty box against the photograph of the candidate whom you want elected President;
 - (ii) Then on the smaller paper, white in colour with no border, insert a mark in the empty box against the photograph of the candidate whom you want to represent your district in the National Assembly.

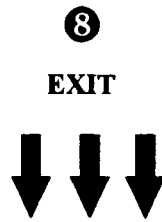
It is important that you only insert one (1) mark on each of the ballot papers. The mark can be a tick ✓, a cross + or a X. **DO NOT** write or insert any other marks on either of the ballot papers.

12. After marking your ballot papers, fold them on the right hand side first, then fold the left side on to the right side and then fold them in two.

13. After you have marked your papers, move out of the polling booth and go straight to the ballot boxes and put the Presidential ballot paper in the slot on top of the Presidential ballot box then put the National Assembly ballot paper in the slot on top of the National Assembly ballot box.



14. Leave the Polling Station promptly. Please vacate the Electoral Area immediately upon the casting of your vote.



15. The Polling Station situated at the National Library will open at 7 a.m and will close at 12 noon. Voters from Praslin and Inner Islands who have not yet voted and who are on Mahe on the 22nd March 1998 may vote at this Station. They are requested to cast their votes as early as possible.
16. Voters from other districts on Mahe will not be allowed to use this Station.