

# Acknowledgements

We wish to record our appreciation to the many people who contributed to the success of our mission. Particular thanks are due to the Director of Elections and his staff for their unflinching assistance and co-operation at a time when they were under constant pressure. We would also like to thank the Government and all the political leaders of Seychelles for their ready co-operation and assistance, and church leaders for their wise counsel.

We would like to express our special appreciation to the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, for according us this privilege to serve the Commonwealth in its efforts to promote democracy and democratic practices in member countries.

Finally, we cannot end without expressing our admiration for the people of Seychelles for their enthusiasm, tolerance and maturity as they participated in these elections to mark the final stages of the transition process from one-party rule to a multi-party system of government. Our gratitude goes to them for the warm welcome they extended to us wherever we went.

The Observer Group was greatly assisted in fulfilling its task by the work of the Commonwealth Secretariat team which was with it in Seychelles and by the staff at Marlborough House in the months prior to our visit. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the major contributions of Mr Max Gaylard and his team. Their knowledge, experience, professionalism and industry made our task easier and added greatly to both the quality of our activities and our Report.

# Annexes

## **ANNEX I**

### **Composition of the Commonwealth Observer Group**

#### ***The Hon Russell Marshall (New Zealand – Chairman)***

The Hon Russell Marshall is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, holding the post from 1987 until he retired at the 1990 general election after 18 years as Member of Parliament for Wanganui. He was a member of the Labour Government from 1984 to 1990 during which time he held the posts of Minister of Education, Conservation, Pacific Island Affairs and Disarmament as well as Foreign Affairs. Mr Marshall is currently Chairman of the New Zealand National Commission for Unesco and Chairman of the Trustees of the New Zealand Africa Information Centre. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Victoria University, Wellington, a New Zealand Diploma of Teaching and an Honorary PhD from the University of Khon Kaen (Thailand). Mr Marshall was a member of the Commonwealth Observer Group to Lesotho (March 1993).

#### ***Mrs Lucille Bouvier (Canada)***

Mrs Lucille Bouvier is currently Elections Canada's Returning Officer for the Federal Riding of St Boniface and Elections Manitoba's Returning Officer for the Provincial Riding of St Boniface, positions which she has held since January 1988 and August 1990 respectively. Since 1987 Mrs Bouvier has also been Senior Bilingual Interviewer for the Labour Force Survey for Statistics Canada, for whom she has also worked as Project Manager for the National Farm Survey in Manitoba (April–August 1991) and Census Commissioner (April–September 1986). In 1990 Mrs Bouvier was a member of the Organisation of American States' Observer Group to the General Election in Haiti, and in 1992 was a Consultant for the United Nations on a Needs Assessment Mission on the Election of the Constituent Assembly of Uganda. She is a Registered Radiology Technologist and was educated at St Boniface General Hospital School of Radiology.

#### ***Mr Vernon H Courtenay, SC (Belize)***

Mr Vernon Courtenay is currently Deputy Leader of the People's United Party of Belize. His political career started in 1964 when he was appointed to the Senate, the first of two such appointments, and in 1969 he was elected to the House of Representatives, for the first of three such terms. He served as Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (1977–79) and between 1969 and 1984 held several Ministerial posts including Attorney General, Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Works, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and Head of the Independence Secretariat. Mr Courtenay was Co-Chairman of the National Assembly Committee to consider the White Paper on the Independence Constitution of Belize, 1981 and was a member of the Belize Delegation to the Independence Talks, 1981. He was also Belize's Representative at the Anglo-Guatemalan talks between 1973 and 1981. Mr Courtenay served as Regional Member of the International Executive of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, 1977–80, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Development Bank, 1979. Mr Courtenay was educated at St John's in Belize and was admitted to the Bar in England in 1960 and to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Belize in May 1960.

#### ***Baroness Gardner, JP (Britain)***

Baroness (Trixie) Gardner was created a Life Peer in 1981 and plays an active part in the work of the House of Lords. Born in Australia she is a dentist by profession and came to Britain in 1955. She was an elected member of Westminster City Council for ten years (1968–78) and an elected member of the Greater London Council for various constituencies for 12 years spanning from 1970 to 1986. Baroness Gardner was Lady Mayoress from 1987 to 1988, and has served as British Chairperson of the European

Union of Women (1978–82) and as British Representative on the United Nations Status of Women Commission (1982–88). She is currently British Chairperson of Plan International Ltd, an NGO which sponsors community development in Third World countries. Baroness Gardner was educated at East Sydney Technical College and the University of Sydney.

***Mr Etienne Kombe (Vanuatu)***

Mr Etienne Kombe was reappointed principal electoral officer of Vanuatu in 1992, a position he also occupied in the South Pacific island republic from 1980 to 1983. Earlier, he served as Private Secretary to the President and as Controller of Prices. He has also held senior positions in the Development Bank of Vanuatu and in the Municipality of Port Vila, Vanuatu's capital. Mr Kombe was educated in New Caledonia, Fiji, New Zealand and France and was trained in Public Administration. He was a member of the Commonwealth Observer Group to Seychelles (July 1992).

***Mr Natarajan Krishnan (India)***

Mr Natarajan Krishnan is currently the Indian member on the Executive Board of Unesco. A former diplomat, he joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1951 and served in Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Buenos Aires, Geneva and the Ministry of External Affairs. He was Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Greece (1976–79). He became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1981–86) and was then appointed as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Africa (1987–89). He was a member of two Committees on UN Reform and a Commonwealth group on Security of Small States. Mr Krishnan was Dean of the School of International Studies at Pondicherry University from 1988 to 1990. He is a member of the Board of Auroville in Pondicherry, Kalakshetra in Madras and the Institute of Social Studies Trust in Delhi. Mr Krishnan holds a Bachelor of Arts (Econ) Degree from the University of Madras.

***Miss Virginia Matseliso Moshabesha, MP (Lesotho)***

Miss Virginia Moshabesha commenced her political career in 1992 when she stood as the Ha Matala constituency candidate of the Basutoland Congress Party. She won the seat and was sworn in as a Member of Parliament in April 1993. Prior to entering politics she has spent most of her career working as a nursing sister, a co-ordinator for the Lesotho Red Cross centres in seven areas and more recently as a public health nurse for the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. Miss Moshabesha was educated in South Africa and commenced her nursing training at the Baragwanath Hospital and the MacCord Hospital, obtaining her general nursing certificate and midwifery diploma. She studied public health nursing at the Institute of Public Health, Calcutta, India, in the early 1970s. She also trained as a family planning practitioner at Santa Cruz University, California, USA, and has attended workshops and seminars in most African countries concerning health matters.

**SECRETARIAT SUPPORT STAFF**

**Mr Max Gaylard**

**Mrs Patsy Robertson**

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*ANNEX II*  
Arrival Statement of 16 July 1993



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**SEYCHELLES OBSERVER GROUP: ARRIVAL STATEMENT**

We have been sent to Seychelles by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, to observe the Presidential and National Assembly elections on 20 to 23 July. This is the third Commonwealth Observer Group to Seychelles, sent at the request of the Government and with support of all political parties.

We will serve as Observers in our personal capacities and not as representatives of countries, governments or organisations to which we may belong. Our broad task here is to observe relevant aspects of the organisation and conduct of the elections in accordance with the law of Seychelles. We will consider the various factors impinging on the credibility of the electoral process as a whole and determine whether conditions exist for a free expression of will by the electors.

We have no executive role. Our function is not to supervise but to observe the process as a whole and to form an impartial judgement on the credibility of the whole exercise. We may, however, make proposals designed to assist the holding of the elections. On completion of our task, we will present a report to the Commonwealth Secretary-General who will make it available to the Seychelles Government and the political parties taking part in the elections, and thereafter to all Commonwealth governments.

As part of our work, we will be in touch with the political parties, the Director of Elections, the Government, the Church and other interested groups. We will also be travelling to all parts of the country before and on polling day. We are honoured to be here for this final stage of Seychelles' transition to multiparty democracy.

Beau Vallon Bay Hotel  
16 July 1993

**ANNEX III****Schedule of Engagements and Press Statement of 18 July 1993****Friday 16 July**

1300	COG Briefing
1400	Press Conference
1500	Meeting with Mr Danny Faure Principal Executive Co-ordinator, SPPF
1600	Meeting with Bishop Felix Paul Roman Catholic Church
1715	Meeting with Mr André Sauzier Former Director of Elections

**Saturday 17 July**

0930	Meeting with Sir James Mancham Leader, Democratic Party
1130	Meeting with Mr Jacques Hodoul Leader, Mouvement Seychellois Pour La Democratie
1400	Briefing by Mr Bernardin Renaud Director of Elections
1630	Observe door-to-door campaigns

**Sunday 18 July**

0900	Meeting with British and Indian High Commissioners
1100	Observe printing of ballot papers
1500	Meeting with the United Opposition

**Monday 19 July**

0930	Meeting with Archbishop French Chang-Him Anglican Church
1100	Meeting with Mr Philippe Boullé Presidential Candidate for the United Opposition
1300	Meeting with President Albert René
1400	Meeting with Mdm Danielle de St Jorre Minister of Environment, Planning and External Relations
1730	Meeting with Mr Ogilvy Berlouis Leader, Seychelles Liberal Party

**Tuesday 20 July**

0700	Mr Gaylard to Farquhar and Desroches (Polling Day)
0800	Chairman, Baroness Gardner, Miss Moshabesha and Mrs Bouvier to Bird, Denis, Fregate (Polling Day)
1000	Other Observers to visit electoral areas. Meet with candidates, party supporters, District Councils, police, electoral officials and general public.

**Wednesday 21 July**

0700 Chairman, Baroness Gardner, Mr Gaylard and Mr Nzerem to Praslin and La Digue

0800 Mr Krishnan to Coetivy (Polling Day)

0800 Mr Kombe and Mr Courtenay to Silhouette (Polling Day)

1000 Other Observers to visit electoral areas

**Thursday 22 July**

0800 Mr Courtenay to Platte (Polling Day)

1000 Chairman and Mr Gaylard meet with Commissioner of Police

1000 All observers to visit electoral areas and polling stations. Check on arrangements for polling day. Attend briefing of party polling and counting agents. Meet with candidates, party supporters, District Councils, police, electoral officials and general public.

**Friday 23 July 1993****POLLING DAY**

0630 Observers visit selected polling stations to observe opening of the poll  
Observe polling at all stations throughout morning

1300 Return to Hotel for interim consultations. Observers in Praslin and La Digue report by telephone or fax

1500 Observe polling and close of poll and counting at selected stations

2000 Issue Interim Statement



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### PRESS STATEMENT

#### COMMONWEALTH OBSERVERS TO MEET PRESIDENT RENÉ

The Commonwealth Observer Group will call on President Albert René tomorrow (Monday) afternoon at the end of an intensive round of consultations with political and religious leaders as well as with election officials. The team of twelve observers led by the Hon Russell Marshall, former Foreign Minister of New Zealand, are here to observe the Presidential and Parliamentary elections which will confirm the return of democracy to Seychelles.

Last Thursday, members of the Group met with the Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku in London and he told them that they would be serving in their personal capacities and their broad task was to observe and not to supervise the elections. On completion of this task, the Group will submit a report to him, and he will make it available to the Seychelles Government, all political parties contesting the elections, and Commonwealth Governments.

Since their arrival, the Group has met with Sir James Mancham, leader and presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, with Mr Danny Faure, Principal Organising Secretary of the SPPF and with leaders of the United Opposition Party. Tomorrow morning (Monday) they will meet with Mr Philippe Boullé, presidential candidate for the United Opposition. They have had detailed discussions on the arrangements for the elections with Mr Bernardin Renaud, Director of Elections, met with Mr André Sauzier, the former Director, and visited the printers to observe the printing and security arrangements for ballot papers. They also called on Roman Catholic Bishop Felix Paul and had sessions with Mr Jacques Hodoul, Leader of the Mouvement Seychellois Pour La Democratie and Mr Ogilvy Berlouis, leader of the Liberal Party. A meeting with Anglican Archbishop French Chang-Him is scheduled for tomorrow (Monday) morning.

Yesterday afternoon, the Group accompanied candidates from all political parties on door-to-door canvassing, and met with voters at the end of the campaign.

The meeting with President René at State House tomorrow (Monday) afternoon, followed by one with the Minister of Planning and External Affairs, Madame Danielle de St Jorre, will enable the observers to discuss matters which are pertinent to the conduct of the elections and to the political process which has unfolded over the past eighteen months.

On Tuesday, the Group will begin to observe polling on the inner and outer islands, and will visit all twenty-two electoral areas.

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*ANNEX IV*  
Statement on Eve of Polling Day, 19 July 1993



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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

On the eve of the elections for a President and National Assembly of Seychelles under a new multi-party Constitution, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Observer Group issued the following statement:

One year ago, the Commonwealth was invited to send an Observer Group to Seychelles to be present at the start of a process which would lead to the return of multi-party democracy. In the intervening months, the Commonwealth has also been present for the two referenda on the Constitution and has now sent a third Observer Group of twelve distinguished representatives to observe the final event in this process and to share with all the people of this beautiful country, the challenges of a new beginning.

Our presence here at this time underlines the Commonwealth's commitment to democracy and its readiness to assist member states in achieving democratic forms of government. The Commonwealth, an association of 50 nations, has been a willing partner with Seychelles in this effort, and has been conscious of its involvement in a process which, by the end of this week, will return truly representative government to this country.

We have been deeply impressed with the spirit of co-operation and goodwill which has characterised these elections and in our discussions with President Albert René and other political leaders we have sought and received from them firm assurances that they will accept the verdict of the people. For their part, voters should endeavour to cast their votes in a peaceful and orderly manner, and we encourage them to make every effort to ensure that the next three days will pass without incident. We have met with party officials and electoral officials and we have raised all remaining matters of concern with them. These have included seeking and receiving reports on the delinking of state and party structures, on the independence of the media and on the arrangements for the elections themselves.

During the coming week we will be visiting all electoral districts and polling stations in the Inner and Outer Islands. We pledge that we will carry out our duties faithfully and impartially and that we will be vigilant in pursuing our task of assisting fellow Commonwealth citizens achieve their goal of electing a government and parliament to prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century.

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## ANNEX V

## Press Statement of Deployment Plan, 20 July 1993

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The Commonwealth Observer Group begins the next phase of its activities today with a full schedule of visits to the Inner and Outer Islands. In the three days ending on Thursday evening, they will be flying and sailing throughout the outlying islands, accompanying election officials as they carry out their duties and observing and monitoring the electoral process.

Today, the Chairman, the Hon Russell Marshall, Baroness Gardner, Miss Virginia Moshabesha and Mrs Lucille Bouvier will be visiting Bird, Denis and Fregate, while Mr Max Gaylard covers Farquhar and Desroches. On the following day, the Observers will be particularly busy, with Mr Natarajan Krishnan to Coetivy and Mr Etienne Kombe with Mr Vernon Courtenay observing in Silhouette. At the same time the Chairman, Mr Gaylard and Mrs Patsy Robertson will be looking into arrangements for the poll in Praslin and La Digue. Thursday's elections in Platte will be covered by Mr Vernon Courtenay.

On Friday, the last day of polling, Observers will be deployed in five teams concentrating on special areas in Mahe, Praslin and La Digue. Two Observers, Baroness Gardner and Mr Richard Nzerem will be based in Praslin from Wednesday until after the elections are completed. Below is a list of the teams with the areas they will monitor.

- Team 1 **Chairman, Mr Gaylard & Mrs Robertson** to Bel Air, Mt Buxton, St Louis, English River and Mont Fleuri
- Team 2 **Mrs Bouvier and Mr Courtenay** to Beau Vallon, Bel Ombre, Glacis and Anse Etoile
- Team 3 **Mr Kombe and Ambassador Krishnan** to Port Glaud, Grand Anse, Anse Bolleau, Baie Lazare and Takamaka
- Team 4 **Miss Moshabesha and Ms Zainah** to Plaisance, Cascade, Pointe Larue, Anse Aux Pins and Anse Royale
- Team 5 **Baroness Gardner and Mr Nzerem** to Grand Anse and Baie Ste Anne on Praslin, and La Digue

20 July 1993

**ANNEX VI****Observation Notes for Poll and Count and Check List 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 election:

**REGISTRATION**

1. Unqualified voters on the list.
2. Likely percentage of potential voters denied registration through early closure of rolls.
3. Procedures to challenge by voters of their exclusion from the rolls.

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN**

1. The nature of access to the electronic media available to the opposition parties.
2. The procedure (if any) for the allocation of time for political broadcasts and advertisements on radio and television.
3. The nature of access enjoyed by the political parties to the print media.
4. The tone and content of political broadcasts, advertisements and posters put out by the political parties.
5. The conduct of political meetings.
6. The conduct of house to house canvassing of voters.
7. The voter education programme on radio and television conducted by the Director of Elections.
8. Permits for public meetings.
9. Access to printing facilities.
10. Access to funds and sources of funds.
11. Access to state services.

**CONDUCT OF THE POLL**

1. The location of polling stations.
2. The accuracy of the Voters' List at the polling stations.
3. Distances travelled by voters to polling stations in rural areas.
4. The length of time voters waited to cast their votes.
5. The steps (if any) taken to ensure that the secrecy of the ballot is assured.
6. The performance of electoral officials at the polling station visited.
7. The procedure followed at the opening of the poll.
8. The adequacy or otherwise of polling station facilities.
9. The incidence of loss of registration certificates.
10. The number (if any) of persons with voter registration certificates but whose names are not on the Voters' List.
11. The procedures in place to ensure proper security of ballot papers, ballot boxes and official seals.
12. The general electoral environment that prevailed at the polling stations visited.
13. The state of readiness of polling stations.
14. Availability of adequate supplies, e.g. ballot papers, Voters' List, official stamps and pads, etc.
15. Security of ballot papers prior to election.
16. 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 which are stamped rejected.
4. The conduct of the returning officers and their assistants.
5. The preparation for the Declaration of the Result of the Poll.
6. The facilities for candidates and their representatives to witness and verify the count.

**PART B**

Questions that may be put:

***Before Polling Day***

1. Is electoral register full and correct? People missed off? Are there names of dead people/people who have moved away included?
2. Are electoral officials confident about arrangements? Are political parties and local notables satisfied?
3. Is the person in the street satisfied with arrangements? Will he/she vote? If not, is he/she afraid to do so?
4. Has the campaign been free of intimidation, etc? Have all parties had full access to media?
5. Is there freedom to advertise (posters, leaflets, etc)?
6. How will voters' IDs be checked? Will it be possible to vote twice?
7. How will those away from home or ill in bed be able to vote?

***On the day***

1. Before polling starts, are the ballot boxes empty? Are they properly sealed?
2. Are all procedures agreed beforehand being adhered to?
3. Are all parties represented at polling stations? Are they satisfied with process?
4. Are IDs being properly checked?
5. Are voters apparently voting freely? Are they enthusiastic? Do they talk freely? Do they exhibit signs of fear or intimidation?
6. Do voters understand procedures properly? If not, are they being explained fully and impartially? Are attempts being made to suggest how they should vote?
7. Is only one person at a time allowed into the voting booth? Do their ballot papers go straight into the sealed box?
8. How long are voters waiting to vote? If a long time, are some being put off?
9. Who will run the procedures on the day? Will they be ex- Party people? How were they chosen?
10. Will all parties be present at polling stations throughout voting and count?
11. Will foreign observers have free access to all stages of the process?
12. Are voters being asked suspicious questions after leaving the polling station?

***After Voting***

1. Are the boxes kept safe until opened? Are all parties/observers present at opening?
2. Does the number of used ballot papers tally with the record of those who have voted?
3. Are the papers counted properly? Are any valid ones being spoiled during counting, intentionally or not?

**COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER GROUP TO SEYCHELLES**

**Check List for Polling Station visits**

Names of Observers:

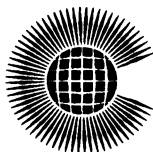
Constituency:

Polling Station Location:

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- 1. **Facilities:**                      Good?      Adequate?      Poor?
- 2. **Number waiting to vote:**      Approx
- 3. **Polling staff:**                      Efficient?      Adequate?      Poor?
- 4. **Voters' attitudes:**              Happy?      Resigned?      Confused?      Subdued?
- 5. **Security presence:**              Discreet?      Intrusive?      Oppressive?
- 6. **Complaints by party polling agents:**      No[ ]      Yes[ ]
- 7. **Complaints by voters:**                      No[ ]      Yes[ ]
- 8. **Mood at polling station:**      Orderly?      Tense?      Excited?      Relaxed?
- 9. **Secrecy:**                      Assured?      Uncertain?
- 10. **Register**
  - (a) personation attempts alleged?      No[ ]      Yes[ ]      (number)
  - (b) names alleged to be missing?      No[ ]      Yes[ ]      (number)
  - (c) multiple voting attempts alleged?      No[ ]      Yes[ ]      (number)
- 11. **Apparent fairness overall:**      Good?      Acceptable?      Questionable?
- 12. **Other comments/Details of above:**

*ANNEX VII*  
Interim Statement of 23 July 1993



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## ANNEX VII

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### INTERIM STATEMENT

The long and challenging process of restoring a multi-party system of government to Seychelles is now approaching its last stages. The successful completion of these Elections for a President and National Assembly under a new constitution and an emerging mood of national reconciliation augur well for the development of a democratic system of government which will serve all of the people of Seychelles.

Our mandate was to observe all relevant aspects of the organisation and conduct of the elections in accordance with the law of Seychelles. As we toured the country, meeting political leaders, political party officials, election officers and Seychellois from all walks of life, we found a determination to ensure that political life would henceforth be characterised by co-operation and tolerance. We observed a once-divided nation readying itself for a challenging future.

During the four days of the poll, we travelled to all 22 electoral areas and monitored voting procedures in the Inner and Outer Islands. Today, the main polling day, we began our task well before polling stations opened at 7.00 a.m. We were present to view opening procedures at eleven polling stations, and visited all 22 stations at random throughout the day. We observed the beginning of the count in 11 stations and will cover the others later this evening.

We have been much impressed with the efforts of all concerned. The Director of Elections, his staff and electoral officials at all polling stations have displayed exemplary dedication, and have been meticulous in carrying out their duties. Party agents and candidates maintained a watchful eye on the proceedings. The voters showed patience and good humour and they turned out in large numbers to exercise their right to vote. Voters were clearly now more familiar with the voting procedures, were processed with professionalism and efficiency, and moved quickly to cast their ballots and move away from the polling stations. Uniformed officers from the Seychelles Police Force were present at all polling stations, and in addition to providing reassurance by their presence, assisted in a practical way with the organisation of voting lines and other activities at polling stations.

We have received no complaints from any political party about the conduct by electoral officials of the polling and counting process. However, we received complaints from all three political parties about alleged infringements of the Code of Conduct for political parties, including payment of voters, use of government vehicles to transport voters, party 'check-points' close to polling stations, and canvassing within the precincts of polling stations. Where appropriate the complainants were advised to bring their concerns to the attention of the Director of Elections and his staff. We investigated these allegations and we received no clear evidence to support them. We also received one complaint of double voting, and we advised the party agents present to bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate Electoral Officer.

Overall, we were satisfied that the transition process had succeeded in preparing a solid foundation for these elections, with the integrity of the secrecy of the ballot, and indeed with the entire voting process which was carried out in a calm and peaceful atmosphere. We are thus able to conclude that the arrangements enabled voters to cast their ballots openly, freely and fairly. It is our considered view that the results to be announced later this evening will accurately reflect the will of the people of Seychelles.

23 July 1993

## ANNEX VIII Code of Conduct

### Referendum and elections

# Code of Conduct

THE Office of the Director of Elections 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.

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| <p>(i) Existing election laws and rules must be adhered to.</p> <p>(ii) All political parties and contestants will have to extend all necessary help and co-operation to the law-enforcing authorities.</p> <p>(iii) Everyone should be aware not only of his own rights, but should also respect the rights of others.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(v) Election campaigns should be so organised that a congenial and peaceful atmosphere prevails during polling.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(vii) It is expected that criticism of opponents will occur during electioneering. However, indecorous and provocative speeches, statements, posters, taunting, ridiculing and innuendos shall be avoided. Parties shall be careful so that behaviour, statements or comments do not cause unnecessary tension.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(x) Assistance of the nearest law-enforcing agencies will have to be sought to resist and check any sort of election offence.</p> <p>(xi) Any attempts to influence voting through money or allurement are election offences. Everyone should be aware of these offences.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(xiii) No Defence Force vehicles shall be used to carry voters, including Defence Force personnel, to polling stations.</p> <p>(xiv) Defence Force personnel shall not go to vote in their uniform.</p> <p>(xv) Political parties will not procure voters by forcible occupation of polling stations or through illegal activities in the polling stations.</p> <p>(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.</p> | <p>(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.</p> <p>(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 sort 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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>In those circumstances the Electoral Officer shall satisfy himself that:-</p> <p>(a) the voter is truly incapacitated as he claims to be;</p> <p>(b) that the person who is to witness the vote has been freely and genuinely chosen by the voter; and</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(xx) In addition to election officials, only the voter is 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.</p> <p>(xxi) No person shall, in a polling station or within a radius of 50 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1.5 Extra bulletin boards (temporary) may be erected and allocated to the different political parties.</p> <p>1.6 Boards will be erected only fourteen days prior to the day of the election or referendum.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.0 Use of cloth banners</p> <p>2.1 Easily removable cloth banners should be utilized as much as possible instead of pasted paper posters.</p> <p>2.2 Cloth banners shall be displayed only after the necessary permission has been obtained from the Land Transport Division and Police (Traffic Section).</p> <p>2.3 All banners shall be removed as soon as possible, in any case, within fourteen days after the election or referendum.</p> <p>3.0 Use of paint</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This is an offence punishable under Section 183(j) of the Penal Code, Cap 73.</p> <p>4.0 Electoral or referendum posters</p> <p>4.1 Electoral or Referendum posters shall be affixed only on special boards erected for this purpose as set out in paragraph 1.</p> <p>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</p> <p>This is an offence punishable under Section 183(j) of the Penal Code, Cap 73.</p> <p>5.0 Respect of others and their property</p> <p>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.</p> |
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**ANNEX IX**  
**Distribution of Voters**

**NUMBER OF VOTERS PER DISTRICT**

<b>Anse aux Pins</b>	<b>3,355</b>
<b>Anse Boileau</b>	<b>2,682</b>
<b>Anse Etoile</b>	<b>2,559</b>
<b>Anse Royale</b>	<b>3,391</b>
<b>Bel Air</b>	<b>1,740</b>
<b>Baie Lazare</b>	<b>1,698</b>
<b>Bel-Ombre</b>	<b>1,392</b>
<b>Baie Ste Anne</b>	<b>1,826</b>
<b>Beau Vallon</b>	<b>2,777</b>
<b>Cascade</b>	<b>1,916</b>
<b>English River</b>	<b>2,189</b>
<b>Glacis</b>	<b>1,730</b>
<b>Grand Anse Mahe</b>	<b>1,452</b>
<b>Grand Anse Praslin</b>	<b>1,757</b>
<b>Inner Islands</b>	<b>1,619</b>
<b>Mont Buxton</b>	<b>2,692</b>
<b>Mont Fleuri</b>	<b>3,553</b>
<b>Plaisance</b>	<b>4,579</b>
<b>Port Glaud</b>	<b>1,091</b>
<b>Pointe Larue</b>	<b>1,733</b>
<b>St Louis</b>	<b>3,142</b>
<b>Takamaka</b>	<b>1,472</b>
<b>Unspecified districts</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Number of Voters</b>	<b>50,370</b>


*Source: Director of Elections*


ANNEX X  
Sample Ballot Papers


**BALLOT PAPER**


**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

JULY 1993











**FRANCE, ALBERT RENÉ**


SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE FRONT

*(Seal: DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SEYCHELLES)*



**The United  
Opposition**








**JAMES, RICHARD, MARIE MAURICAM**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*(Seal: DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SEYCHELLES)*







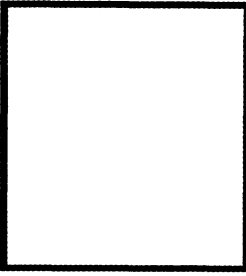
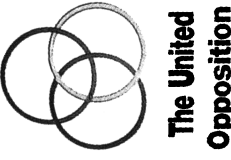
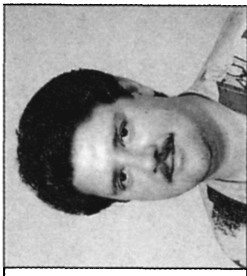
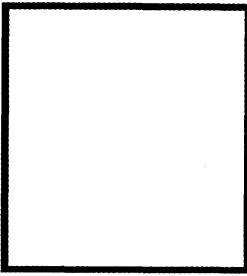


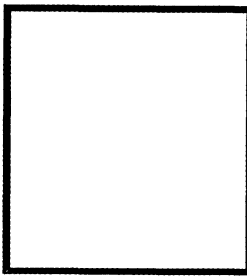




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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

JULY 1993

**PORT GLAUD**

<p><u>JINETTE GAMATIS</u></p> <p><b>SEYCHELLES PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE FRONT</b></p>			
<p><u>JULES, MAXIME, IAN DELORIE</u></p> <p><b>THE UNITED OPPOSITION</b></p>	 <p><b>The United Opposition</b></p>		
<p><u>MARY, STARLINE JUMAYE</u></p> <p><b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b></p>			

**ANNEX XI**  
**Final Results**

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

National Assembly Elections, July 1993  
Results

Electoral Areas	Total Votes cast	Total Votes Reflected	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	33.78%	Walter J. F. Confait
Anse Boileau	2479	45	2434	Andre L. B. Pool 1557	62.81%	Philippe M. Arissol 83	3.35%	Philip H. Jumeau 794	32.03%	Andre L. B. Pool
Anse Etoile	2196	31	2165	Roger J. Toussaint 1227	55.87%	Gabriel F. Hoareau 135	6.15%	Pat R. Barrallon 803	36.57%	Roger J. Toussaint
Anse Royale	2922	66	2856	Barry J. J. Faure 1884	64.48%	Kathleen J. J. Pillay 239	8.18%	Simon J. Mondon 733	25.09%	Barry J. J. Faure
Baie Lazare	1579	33	1546	Angé D. Morel 858	54.34%	Lewis B. X. Alexis 50	3.17%	Louis C. Chetty 638	40.41%	Angé D. Morel
Baie Ste. Anne	1637	20	1617	Mitcy M. T. Larue 1095	66.89%	Karl E. R. Souffe 207	12.65%	Darrel D. C. Green 315	19.24%	Mitcy M. T. Larue
Beau Vallon	2327	25	2302	Marie-Louise Potter 1178	50.62%	Collin J. Dyer 138	5.99%	Paul B. J. Chow 984	42.29%	Marie-Louise Potter
Bel Air	1433	10	1423	Michael A. R. Rene 706	49.27%	Alain St. Ange 101	7.05%	Bernard R. Elizabeth 616	42.99%	Michael A. R. Rene
Bel Ombre	1226	17	1209	Francis Macgregor 502	40.95%	Serge J.L. Rouillon 78	6.36%	Christopher C. Gill 629	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 Herminie 1016	55.52%	Anthony Juliette 148	8.09%	Rose Marie Hoareau 633	34.59%	Patrick Herminie
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. Mancienne 112	8.50%	Antoine Mathurin 274	20.80%	Waven W. William
Grand Anse Praslin	1610	23	1587	Michel G. Gardette 878	54.53%	Luc JC Grandcourt 232	14.41%	Daniel J. Belle 477	29.63%	Michel G. Gardette
Inner Islands	1462	39	1423	Monica Figaro 1060	73.87%	Anna-Rose Legge 169	11.56%	Rex S. Choppoy 174	11.90%	Monica Figaro
Mont Buxton	2247	48	2199	Simon J. Gill 1070	47.62%	Anthony Derjacques 192	8.54%	Gonzague A. D'Offay 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	51.48%	Bernard Georges 907	23.84%	Jean Khambatta 885	23.26%	Jeovana E. Charles
Pointe La Rue	1543	20	1523	Dick P. Esparon 972	62.99%	Ralph M. G. Volcère 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 Delorie 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. Larue 132	9.85%	Judy A.B. Esparon 316	23.58%	Jeanne T. Marie
<b>Total</b>	<b>43579</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>42866</b>	<b>24642</b>	<b>56.55%</b>	<b>4163</b>	<b>9.71%</b>	<b>14062</b>	<b>32.27%</b>	
<b>Proportional Allocation</b>				<b>6.32</b>		<b>1.07</b>		<b>3.61</b>		