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16th of April 2024

To

The Leader of the Parti Mauricien Social Democrate (PMSD)

Hon Charles Gaetan Xavier-Luc DUVAL, GCSK, FCA, MP

PMSD Office, Astor Court, Lislet Geoffroy St,

Port Louis

In Re: Resigning with immediate effect as Spokesperson and Member of the PMSD

Dear Xavier,

It is after a thorough introspection and much consultation with my constituents that I am via this letter informing you that I am resigning as the spokesperson and member of the PMSD with immediate effect. It is with a heavy heart that I have taken such a decision, but as it stands our political journey together within the PMSD, come to an end today.

My constituents have overwhelmingly urged me to do my best for PMSD to stay within the Alliance with the PTr and MMM. But unfortunately, I have not been successful to do so, despite my several attempts to explain to you and to the members of the PMSD as to the expectations of the people at large.

I must say that you have been very attentive to my opinion and you shared same, and we were on the same wavelength as to our political conviction and principle. But during the past few days I have felt and witnessed a change of position as to the party's political agenda.

Instead, of working with our opposition allies to prepare and finalise the political manifesto, and that was our paramount task and commitment (*a committee that you were chairing and I was together with other members from the PTr and MMM*), I was surprised to witness that the Party embarked in a method of ticket bargaining with our allies, being done in public, through the press, by people who to my knowledge, was not mandated by the Party,

This of course made me expressed during the special meeting held on Saturday the 6th of April 2024, my dissatisfaction as to the way this situation has been handled and we have now seen the collateral damage done to the Party, which could certainly have been avoided, if there would have been concerted meeting with all stakeholders of the Party, BEFORE embarking on such an agenda.

Thus, since last week and during that special meeting held on Saturday the 6th of April 2024, I clearly expressed my feelings and opinion as to the political situation. I also took cognizance of information you imparted with regard to the future orientation of the Party.

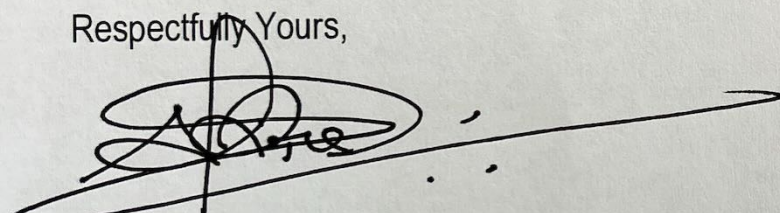
When I joined the PMSD in January 2017, it was due to the stand you took together with all members of the PMSD NOT to accept the constitutional amendment that would have occurred through the introduction of the Prosecution Commission Bill. That was a landmark political decision that you took and

same has been recognized by each and everyone as at date. You have built on this strong credential to position yourself as a respected parliamentarian and a much applauded and competent Leader of the Opposition. I have been by your side and supported you all the way, and that has been an enduring experience and we bonded well as friends. I will always value this friendship that goes beyond political agendas, and as a friend of yours, I do not have any hard feelings. I hope that in the near future you will NOT compromise on the strong credential that you have acquired since 2017 up to now and which I have always told you, that same is PRICELESS.

I shall move on and embark on a new political journey. Many people from the civil society and other political parties including the PMSD have expressed the wish for the setting up of a new political platform with democracy, the commitment to support major constitutional reforms, an ecology driven economy, a new political mindset and putting innovation and meritocracy on the forefront, as key indicators for a new Ocean State of Mauritius. God willing, I shall give my best to live up to that expectation.

I thank you for the opportunity you gave me to contribute in building the image of the PMSD and I wish the Party and you all the very best, good luck and God bless.

Respectfully Yours,

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