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Happy Sunday! Kindly find a communiqué following a recent meeting held between the Minister and the SCCI.

Kind regards,



## Ministry of Home Affairs and Transport

### PRESS RELEASE

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### **Minister Morgan welcomes Seychelles Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) executive members. Constructive dialogue opens the way forward.**

The Minister for Home Affairs and Transport, Mr. Joël Morgan, recently met with representatives of the Seychelles Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), led by their Chairman, Mr. Marco Francis, to discuss relevant matters and other topical issues of the day. Attending with Mr. Francis was their Vice Chairman, Mr. Dolor Ernesta, Councilors Mr. Jerry Morin and Mr. Jemmie Bonne, and the SCCI Communication and Trade Promotion Officer, Ms. Juliette Sicobo.

The Chairman of the SCCI welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Minister, as they represented many businesses in the Seychelles including those within the tourism trade.

According to Mr. Francis, since his election approximately four months ago, his new committee has been engaging the business community nationally and regionally, as well as internationally

with other chambers and that meeting with government leaders within Seychelles opens up new possibilities for cooperation, as well as to better position the chamber to represent the interests of their members in a more effective manner.

Amongst the points brought forward for discussion by SCCI were issues raised by the Car Hire Association and the Seychelles Taxi Operators Association. Minister Morgan noted all the points raised by the SCCI and took the opportunity to brief them on issues which had already been taken up by his Ministry such as for example, access to hotels by licensed taxi operators, an issue which was raised in a separate forum by the Seychelles Taxi Operators Association.

The Minister confirmed that he had written a letter to all the major hotels notifying them of the government's policy on the matter. "Hotels," said the Minister, "need to make provisions to adequately accommodate taxis on their properties and clear guidelines will be communicated to all parties on the matter so that the situation can be addressed once and for all."

Future meetings between the Ministry of Home Affairs and Transport and the SCCI will be held to follow up on progress being made against identified concerns.

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Editor's Note –

- 1) Attached photo of the meeting for your use.

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