



**NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES AGENCY
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017**

(Act 20 of 2017)

I assent



Danny Faure
President

3rd November, 2017

AN ACT to amend the National Information Services Agency Act (Cap 295).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the National Information Services Agency (Amendment) Act, 2017. Short title

2. The National Information Services Agency Act is hereby amended as follows—

- (a) by inserting in section 2 after the definition of “Chief Executive Officer” the following definition—

““Deputy Chief Executive Officer” means the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency appointed under section 10”;

- (b) by repealing section 6 and substituting therefor the following section—

“6.(1) There shall be a board of directors consisting of seven members, including the chairperson and the vice-chairperson, which shall be responsible for the policy and control of the Agency.

(2) The President shall appoint the chairperson and the vice-chairperson from candidates recommended by the Constitutional Appointments Authority.

(3) The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall have competency in administration, management, print media, education, literature or culture.

(4) A person shall not be appointed as the chairperson, the vice-chairperson or a member of the Board if that person—

(a) is a member of the National Assembly;

(b) is an office bearer or a member

- of the executive committee of a political party;
- (c) is the owner, shareholder, director or manager of a media outlet including a printing or publishing house or is involved in electronic publishing; or
- (d) is an employee of the Agency or was an employee of the Agency for any length of time within the three year period immediately prior to the proposed appointment.

(5) The President shall appoint five other members of the board being—

- (a) four from candidates respectively proposed by each of the following—
 - (i) the Association of Media Practitioners of Seychelles;
 - (ii) the Citizen's Engagement Platform of Seychelles;
 - (iii) the Department of Information;
 - (iv) the University of Seychelles; and
- (b) a legal practitioner proposed by the Attorney-General.

(6) Whenever the chairperson of the board is absent or unable to fulfill his or her

duties, the vice-chairperson may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the chairperson.”;

(c) by repealing in section 7 (1), the words “two years” and substituting therefor the words “five years”;

(d) by repealing section 10 and substituting therefor the following section—

“10.(1) There shall be a chief executive officer and a deputy chief executive officer of the Agency who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the board.

(2) The term of office of the chief executive officer and the deputy chief executive officer shall be five years and they shall be eligible for reappointment on completion of the term of appointment.

(3) The board shall determine the remuneration and other conditions of service of the chief executive officer, deputy chief executive officer and other employees of the Agency.

(4) The chief executive officer and in his or her absence the deputy chief executive officer shall attend the meetings of the board.

(5) The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the management of the functions of the Agency and may delegate any of his or her functions to the deputy chief executive officer or any other employee of the Agency.

(6) The deputy chief executive officer shall assist the chief executive officer in performance of his or her functions and carry out such functions as may be delegated to him or her by the chief executive officer.”

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 24th October, 2017.



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Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly