Speech of the Honourable Deepak Balgobin

Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation

Launching of the MAUSHIELD Platform

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- **Miss Sandrine Valère, Permanent Secretary of my Ministry,**

- **Mr. Viv Padayachi, Chaiman, National Cyberesecurity Committee,**

- **Mr. Hannes Krause, Coordinator Indian Ocean Region, Cyber4Dev Project of the European Union,**

- **Mr. Klaid Magi, Cyber4Dev Expert from Estonia,**

- **Heads of Departments & Parastatal Organisations,**

- **Members of the Cybersecurity Committee,**

- **Members of the Press,**

- **Dear Friends,**

Good Morning to you all and thank you for being here this morning.

It gives me an immense pleasure to address you on the occasion of the launching of the Mauritius Cyber Threat Informaion Sharing Platform (known as MAUSHIELD) set up by the Computer Emergency Response Team of Mauritius (CERT-MU), operating under the aegis of my Ministry.

First of all, I wish to extend my warm welcome to Mr. Hannes Krause, Coordinator of the Indian Ocean Region and Mr Klaid Magi, Expert, both from the Cyber4Dev Project of the European Union who are working closely with our cybersecurity team and my Ministry in Mauritius.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The launching of the MAUSHIELD today is an additional formidable step forward in strenghting our eco-system to combat cyber threats.

MAUSHIELD will be the national platform for sharing cyber threat information and intelligence which can be used by organisations to improve their cybersecurity posture, minimize risks and prevent cyber-attacks.

The objectives of this particular platform will be to:

- provide a collaborative platform for live sharing information of to give a better visibility of cyber security situational awareness,

- cultivate local collaborative culture among the industry for effective cyber security information sharing,

- facilitate cyber threat information sharing in a secure and confidential environment,

- develop a better understanding of the different techniques that cybercriminals are using to carry out cyber-attacks,

- help organisations to improve their cyber defence capability,

- stay ahead of current trends and emerging cyber threats, and ultimately

- enhance the overall cyber resilience of Mauritius.

We will play a video in a few minutes and all present here will have an insight on how it works.

Ladies and Gentleman,

Actions taken by my Ministry to enhance our cybersecurity eco-system have played an important role in the ranking of Mauritius in the ITU Global Cybersecurity Index and has placed Mauritius FIRST in Africa for the past 8 years. Currently, Mauritius is ranked 17th globally.

I recognise this as a great achievement but still we want to improve our global ranking and I have instructed my teams to work in that direction.

This Government, under the leadership and vision of the Prime Minister, Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, is committed to make Mauritius a cybersecurity hub as well as a secure and resilient nation, which will contribute towards having an attractive business and social environment .

My ministry is actively working with the Cyber4Dev Project to achieve this status.

Furthermore, the government has setup a National Cybersecurity Committee which will oversee and coordinate the national cybersecurity agenda. The Committee has already started working under the chairmanship of Dr. Viv Padayachy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before ending, I would like to congratulate and thank the CERT-MU team for its endeavour and commitment.

With these words, I now have the pleasure to lauch the MAUSHIELD platform.