

**CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES (TENTH  
AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

*(Bill No. 6 of 2022)*

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE OBJECTS OF AND  
REASONS FOR THE BILL**

The object of this Bill is to alter the provisions of the Constitution relevant to the Defence Forces.

The Constitutional Review Committee of 2008 recommended that article 163 of the Constitution is amended to crystalize the functions and powers of the Defence Forces. The Constitutional Review Committee at page 56 of its report recommended that —

“ . . . given the vast extent of the EEZ of Seychelles and our limited resources, [it is recommended that] article 163 (1) be amended to allow the use of the Defence Forces to police and enforce our laws in those waters where Seychelles has jurisdiction. The Defence Forces could thus be used [to] protect the waters against pirates and to prevent the smuggling of illegal drugs into Seychelles.”

In this regard, the Government is seeking to make it clear in the Constitution that the Defence Forces can exercise powers to enforce any written law in relation to matters such as public security, environmental protection, maritime security or maritime zones.

**Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.**

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**ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES**

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1. Short title
2. Amendment of the Constitution
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**A BILL  
FOR**

**AN ACT** AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles (Tenth Amendment) Act, 2022, and shall be read together with the Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles, Cap. 42, as amended, which is hereinafter referred to as the “Constitution”

**Amendment of the Constitution**

2. The Constitution is amended by repealing the words “Defence Forces of Seychelles”, wherever they appear, and substituting therefor the words “Seychelles Defence Forces”.

**Amendment of article 163**

3. Article 163 of the Constitution is amended —

(a) in clause (1) —

(i) by renumbering subclauses (c) and (d) as subclauses (d) and (e), respectively;

(ii) by inserting immediately after subclause (b) the following new subclause —

“(c) to enforce any written law in relation to public security, environmental protection, maritime security or maritime zones, and any other matters as may be specified in an Act;”