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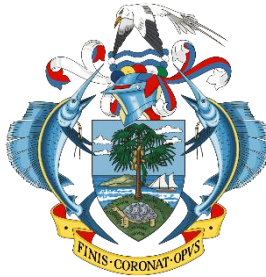
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#### GENERAL NOTICES

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**THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ACT (Cap. 39)**

**APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

WHEREAS section 2(1)(d) of the Commission of Inquiry Act, (Cap. 39) confers upon the President the power to issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners to inquire into any matter of public interest or concern;

AND WHEREAS a purported agreement has been entered into between the Republic of Seychelles (“the Republic”) and Travizory Border Security SA, a Swiss société anonyme with registration number IDE CHE-478.529.524 (“Travizory”) - for the provision by Travizory of an electronic travel authorisation and border security system, in respect of travellers entering Seychelles - (“the Agreement”), which was executed by Travizory on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and by the Republic on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021;

AND WHEREAS public concerns have been raised regarding the propriety, transparency, and tax implications of the Agreement - including Travizory’s tax payment obligations under the Value Added Tax Act - and the conduct of Government officials and other persons involved in the process, including possible conflicts of interest, actions that undermine public confidence in the integrity of Government offices, and corrupt practices;

AND WHEREAS I, Dr Mathew Antonio Patrick Herminie, President of the Republic of Seychelles, am satisfied that the matters and circumstances relating to the agreement between the Republic and Travizory are of vital public interest and concern and it is in the public interest to establish an independent Commission of Inquiry to investigate these matters fully and impartially, to ascertain the facts, and to make recommendations to my Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr Mathew Antonio Patrick Herminie, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 2(1) of the Commission of Inquiry Act (Cap. 39) do hereby appoint, constitute, and issue as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: INTERPRETATION**

In this Instrument, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

“**AGREEMENT**” means the Border Management Services Agreement entered into between the Republic and Travizory Border Security SA, a Swiss société anonyme with registration number IDE CHE-478.529.524 - for the provision by Travizory of an electronic travel authorisation and border security system, in respect of travellers entering Seychelles - which was executed by Travizory on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and by the Republic on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

“**TRAVIZORY**” means a Swiss société anonyme with registration number IDE CHE-478.529.524.

“**REPUBLIC**” means the Republic of Seychelles.

## **ARTICLE 2: ISSUE OF A COMMISSION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS**

2.1. There shall be a Commission of Inquiry which shall be known as the Commission of Inquiry into the Border Management Service Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

2.2. The Commission shall consist of three Commissioners, Justice, Laura Pillay, Mr. Suketu Patel and Mr. Christopher Mancham- Gill.

2.3 Justice Laura Pillay is hereby appointed as the Chairperson of the Commission.

## **ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Commission is hereby mandated and required to inquire into the following matters and to report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to my Office:

### **The Origin and Execution of the Agreement:**

- (a) The comprehensive history and factual context relating to the Agreement. This shall consider any initial expressions of interest, the negotiations between the respective parties to the Agreement and the formal execution of the Agreement.
- (b) Any relevant events, decisions or matters prior or subsequent to the execution of the Agreement that have a bearing on its implementation or impact. This shall include discussions between the Republic of Seychelles and Travizory and any other relevant third parties that may be relevant to the entering into or execution of the Agreement.
- (c) The terms and condition of the Agreement and their consistency with standard procurement and contractual principles and the laws of Seychelles.
- (d) The legality of the agreement in its implementation within our legal framework.

### 3.2 **Parties and Negotiators:**

To identify and investigate the roles of all parties, persons, officials, intermediaries and advisers involved, directly or indirectly, in the negotiations regarding the execution of the Agreement.

### 3.3 **Value Added Tax (Vat) Obligations and Enforcement:**

To investigate the reasons for Travizory's failure to pay the Value Added Tax to the Commissioner General - of the Seychelles Revenue Commission - in connection with its activities, under the Agreement.

### 3.4 **Concerns Regarding Improper Benefits and Potential Conflict of Interest:**

- (a) To investigate whether any bribes, kickbacks or other illicit payments were made, offered or promised by Travizory, its agents, or associates to any person, government official or political figure in Seychelles.
- (b) To investigate whether any benefit (financial, in-kind, or otherwise) was acquired, obtained or received directly or indirectly by any person, government official, or political figure in Seychelles for the purpose of facilitating, influencing or causing the negotiations or the entering into of the Agreement.
- (c) To investigate whether any person, government official or political figure in Seychelles benefited directly or indirectly as a result of Travizory and the Republic entering into the Agreement.
- (d) To identify any persons who may have corruptly enriched themselves through this transaction.
- (e) If any such undue payments, bribes, kickbacks or other illicit benefits are found to have been made, to establish the source, destination and routing of such payments, bribes, kickbacks, or other illicit benefits and to identify the individuals and entities who have solicited, received or benefited from them.

### 3.5 **Concerns Regarding Undue Influence or Dues**

To investigate whether any undue influence, pressure or duress was applied by any higher-ranking government authority or official on any subordinate government official in respect of:

- (i) The decision to enter into the Agreement; or
- (ii) The failure to properly assess or collect Value Added Tax from Travizory.

**ARTICLE 4: POWERS AND PROCEDURE**

- 4.1. The Commission shall, for the purpose of its inquiry, have all the powers conferred upon a Commission by the Commission of Inquiry Act, including the power to:
- (a) Summon any person to attend before it to give evidence or to produce any document or thing in their possession.
  - (b) Examine witnesses and parties concerned on oath, affirmation or declaration, as the case may be.
  - (c) Where the Commission considers it desirable for the purpose of avoiding expense or delay or for any other special reason, receive evidence by affidavit or administer interrogatories.
  - (d) Do all such other things as are necessary for the proper fulfilment of its mandate, including the power to require the production of any relevant documents or information.
- 4.2. The Commission may engage and appoint legal, technical, financial or asset tracing experts, or such other experts as it deems necessary to assist in its work and to provide expert opinion and analysis on any matters within the Terms of Reference specified in Article 3.
- 4.3. The proceedings of the Commission shall be held in public, save for where the Commission, for reasons of national security, the protection of witnesses or the administration of justice, determines that certain proceedings should be held in camera.

**ARTICLE 5: REPORT**

- 5.1 The Commission shall submit to my office a final written report of its inquiry, including its findings of fact, its conclusions on the matters specified in the Terms of Reference specified in Article 3 and any recommendations it considers appropriate, within a period of six months from the date of its first sitting or such further period as I may subsequently authorise upon a request by the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Public Seal of the Republic of Seychelles to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.



**DR MATHEW ANTONIO PATRICK HERMINIE**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**