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### **“FULLY CONFIDENT IN THE FUTURE OF LDS” – PARTY LEADER**

The LDS Executive Council has learned with regret the decision of Mr. Patrick Pillay to resign as Speaker of the National Assembly and as Member for Anse Boileau.

As members of the Executive Council we respect his decision. Mr. Pillay has made a great contribution to bringing about a new era in the political development of our country and the strengthening of the democratic process. It is my belief that he could continue to make a valuable contribution.

The situation of course poses some challenges . The LDS Executive Council will deal with them with the best interests of the party and the country in mind. Already we have had meetings of the leaders and of our National Assembly team. I am fully confident in the future of LDS and I believe we will maintain unity and forge ahead with our work.

I do not wish to speculate on the specific reasons for Mr. Pillay’s decision. I believe he will have enough opportunity to clarify his position. The one point of divergence that he has spoken to me about is that he is dissatisfied with the pace at which the present political setup is dealing with the problems faced by the country. In as far as this goes, I and other leaders are also unhappy with the pace at which we are moving forward. However, we believe that we have a valuable role to play in making changes that the country needs to see.

It is only a year since the LDS started work as the majority in the National Assembly and already much has been set in motion. We have made progress in stopping corruption, in fiscal responsibility, in more open government and some other areas. We will be challenging President Danny Faure on his failure to play a more active and forceful role in dealing with the problems we face. I am confident that we will intensify our efforts in 2018 and push for progress on the outstanding issues while we also call for Presidential elections as early as possible.

Roger Mancienne

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Party Leader