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Assomption Development-Biosecurity and Conservation Discussions Underway

Victoria, 28.2. 2025: SIF notes the wish expressed by the President during yesterday's Message on the State of the Nation, for an enhanced protection status for the Aldabra Group.

We welcome this initiative and look forward to engaging with all stakeholders in the preservation of the unique area which constitutes the Aldabra Group.

As also announced, the development of the Assomption Project is progressing, with construction now officially underway.

Recently, the Seychelles Islands Foundation (SIF) and the Islands Development Company (IDC) have engaged in discussions regarding SIF's role in the project. A follow-up meeting, requested by the developer focused on clarifying SIF's involvement, especially concerning conservation and biosecurity efforts on Assomption. To comprehensively address these concerns, it is proposed that SIF assume responsibility for these areas, with financial support from the developer.

The patron of SIF has initiated a tripartite engagement involving the developer, IDC, and SIF with a view to developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This proposed agreement will outline the terms of collaboration and ensure that conservation and biosecurity remain priorities throughout the project's duration.

The SIF Board will deliberate on the proposed conditions for the MOU during its upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled for March 28–31. These discussions will play a crucial role in shaping the foundation's approach to its responsibilities within the Assomption Project.

The process remains ongoing, and further updates will be provided as developments occur. SIF appreciates the continued support and commitment of the public and all stakeholders as it strives to balance development with environmental responsibility.

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About the Seychelles Islands Foundation

The Seychelles Islands Foundation (SIF) manages and protects Seychelles' UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Aldabra Atoll in the far south of the archipelago and the Vallée de Mai on Praslin Island, as well as the Fond Ferdinand nature reserve. SIF has been a pioneer in nature conservation as the longest running environmental organisation in the Seychelles. Established as a public trust in 1979, SIF has successfully managed both sites for over 40 years, made substantial contributions towards biodiversity conservation and established international and national links and collaborations, bringing benefits to global and national conservation objectives.

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