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DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT, 2014

(Act 15 of 2014)

Reconstitution of the Disaster Risk Management Division as a Department

WHEREAS, the Disaster Risk Management Division was established under section 3 of the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014);

AND, WHEREAS, the Cabinet has approved the change of the title of office from “Disaster Risk Management Division” to the “Department of Risk and Disaster Management” in order to strengthen the national disaster governance, enhance policy authority and improve the operational coordination of the Disaster Risk Management activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred section 39 of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap. 103) read with section 3 of the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014), the President of the Republic of Seychelles hereby declares as follows:—

1. Change of the name of the Division: The Disaster Risk Management Division, established under section 3 of the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014) is hereby renamed as the Department of Risk and Disaster Management (DRDM) under the portfolio of the Vice-President.

2. Change of the title of the Head of Department: The title of the post of “Director General” is hereby changed as “Principal Secretary” and the Principal Secretary of the Department of Risk and Disaster Management is hereby designated as the Head of the Department.

3. Change in the statutory references: Until such time, the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014) is amended, all references to “Director General” in the Act or in any other written law, shall be read as “Principal Secretary” and all statutory functions, duties, and powers assigned to the Director General under the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2014 (Act 15 of 2014), shall be exercised by the Principal Secretary.

4. Effective Date: This notice shall take effect on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Made this 5th day of December, 2025.

**DR. PATRICK HERMINIE
PRESIDENT**