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30th May 2022

IMPORTANT COMMUNIQUE

Dear Friends,

In view of the recent videos circulating among the public, in which it appears that certain police officers have been acting in a reprehensible manner towards suspects, the Council wishes to inform its members that it severely condemns such acts of violence.

Pursuant to section 3(2)(b) of the Mauritius Bar Association Act, the Bar Council proposes to take the following initiatives:

- i. Recommending the setting up of a Commission of Enquiry chaired by a retired judge of the Commonwealth to look into incidents of alleged police brutality and to propose corrective measures;
- ii. Representations to the relevant authorities to accelerate the coming into force of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act;
- iii. Drawing the attention of the Independent Police Complaints Commission and National Human Rights Commission to the incidents portrayed in the said videos.

The Council welcomes any further suggestion from members of the profession in relation to the above by **Wednesday 1st June 2022.**

Yours sincerely,

Mayuri D. Bunwaree-Ramlackhan
Secretary of the Bar Council