



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Communiqué

On 07 January 2020, H.E Mr. Showkutally Soodhun was accredited as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Mauritius to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with residence in Riyadh.

He was also accredited as non-resident Ambassador to the following countries:

- United Arab Emirates
- The State of Kuwait; and
- The Kingdom of Bahrain

In December 2020, Cabinet decided that Ambassador Soodhun be appointed as “Roving” Ambassador with residence in Mauritius to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the above-mentioned countries, as it was considered that the Ambassador would be in a better position to coordinate with all stakeholders with respect to crucial projects, as well as strengthen our relations with countries in the Gulf region.

On Tuesday 23 March 2021, allegations have been made during the Parliamentary Session to the effect that Ambassador S. Soodhun, has been declared *persona non grata* by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

According to information available at the Ministry, the Saudi authorities have never declared H.E. Mr. S. Soodhun as *persona non grata*, and he is the Ambassador of the Republic of Mauritius to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



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