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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement between Mauritius and Senegal, he will state the reasons for the termination thereof?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

The Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Senegal was signed in April 2002 and it entered into force in September 2004.

On 18 June 2019, the Government of Senegal conveyed to the Government of Mauritius its unilateral decision to terminate the DTAA, with effect from 1st July

2019. However, in accordance with Article 29 of the DTAA, the agreement will continue to apply, in Senegal, up to 31 December 2019, and, in Mauritius, up to 30 June 2020.

Madam Speaker,

I wish to inform the House that, in the margins of the recent TICAD 7 Summit held in Japan in August last, I had a bilateral meeting with the President of Senegal. In my discussions with him, I raised the issue of the DTAA between our two countries and we agreed that we should reactivate discussions concerning the revision of the DTAA. To that effect, a technical team from Mauritius would be proceeding to Dakar from 4th to 8th November 2019 to pursue negotiations with counterparts in Senegal.

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