



## **Rosa Luxemburg Foundation**

### **Lettre ouverte adressée aux responsables de tous les partis politiques participant aux élections du 7 novembre 2019**

Nous vous soumettons une copie de la lettre adressée au Premier Ministre de notre République concernant l'institution d'une Commission d'Enquête sur le Cannabis. Cette lettre est libellée comme suit:

**[27 August 2019**

**The Prime Minister  
Republic of Mauritius  
Port Louis**

**Sir**

As a representative of the **Federation of Progressive Unions** (28 Trade Unions); the **Observatoire De La Democratie** (Which has made representations before the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking ) and the **Rosa Luxemburg Institute** (which has made several studies on drugs), I ask you whether you do no **NOT** consider that time has come for your Government to set up a **Facts Finding Committee** on the issue of **Cannabis**.

Workers and students are arrested for possession of cannabis. Penal sanctions in relation thereto are recorded in their Morality Certificates. I have applied in three specific cases to the **Commission of prerogative of mercy** for the removal thereof.

I suggest the following terms of reference of the FFC –

1. To find out the relative impact of cannabis production and consumption in Mauritius in relation to dangerous drug (drogues mortifères or deadly drugs) like heroin, morphine, cocaine and synthetic drugs.

Allow me to tell you that synthetic drugs are in fact a combination of many chemicals and is doing great harm to the people of the Republic.

2. *Inquire into the reasons as to why, one by one, democratic countries are legalizing or adopting tolerance towards cannabis. What are these countries and what are their legalizing laws? What are the preliminary impacts?*
3. *Inquire into any **positive physiological** effects of cannabis and the **psychological negative** effects of cannabis **BOTH** ; as a natural drug (medication) and as a recreational natural hallucinogen?*
4. *To verify if it is legal to deprive smokers of cannabis of their personal liberty to consume cannabis under the provisions of **Section 5 (1) (h)** of our Constitution. Cannabis is **NOT** a physiological addictive substance. **NOT AT ALL**.*

*The debate on the legalization of cannabis should **NOT** be initiated in terms of electoral demagogy. It should be taken care of very seriously.*

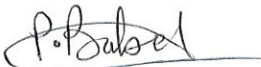
**Yours sincerely**

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Nous vous demandons de vous exposer politiquement, non pas à déclarer que vous êtes pour ou contre la légalisation du cannabis, mais de nous dire si vous seriez d'accord de soutenir la demande faite dans notre lettre au PM (quel qu'il soit).

Il suffirait pour cela d'un simple message sur notre email - [fpumel@intnet.mu](mailto:fpumel@intnet.mu).

**Bien à vous**



**Patricia Babet**  
**30 octobre 2019**