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(Act 15 of 2015)

Public Assembly (Speaker's Corner) Regulations, 2019

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*(Act 15 of 2015)***Public Assembly (Speaker's Corner) Regulations, 2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Public Assembly Act, 2015, the Designated Minister, being the Minister responsible for Home Affairs, makes the following Regulations—

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| 1. | These Regulations may be cited as the Public Assembly (Speaker's Corner) Regulations, 2019. | Citation |
| 2. | In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— | Interpretation |
| | “Act” means the Public Assembly Act, 2015; | |
| | “Commissioner” means Commissioner of Police; | |
| | “National Events” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Creative Industries and National Events Agency Act, 2016 (<i>Act No.17 of 2016</i>); | |
| | “speaker” means a person who has notified the Commissioner of his/her intention to deliver a speech at Speaker's Corner; | |
| 3. | The area specified in the Schedule is hereby designated as the Speaker's Corner. | Speaker's Corner |
| 4. | A Speaker shall be a citizen of Seychelles. | Speakers to be citizens of Seychelles |
| 5. | Subject to these regulations, the Speaker's Corner shall be available for use from— | Availability and time of use of Speaker's Corner |

- (a) 0800 hours to 1800 hours from Mondays to Fridays; and
- (b) 0800 hours to 1800 hours on Saturdays.

Notification
To the
Commissioner

6. A person intending to use the Speaker's Corner shall notify the Commissioner in writing of his or her intention in accordance with sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Act.

Non-
availability of
Speakers
Corner

7. The Speaker's Corner shall not be available for use on the days on which National Events are scheduled to take place in the Freedom Square or in the vicinity of Freedom Square.

Use of Sound
amplification
devices

8. A Speaker using the Speaker's Corner shall not use sound amplification devices without the authorisation of the Commissioner of Police.

Prohibition of
use of alcohol
and drugs

9. A Speaker or members of the public assembled at the Speaker's Corner shall not incite or indulge in violence and shall not cause nuisance to the offices or establishments close to the Speaker's Corner.

Speaker's
Conduct

10. A Speaker or a member of the public who attends the delivery of a speech at the Speaker's Corner shall —

- (a) behave calmly and without rancor;
- (b) show courtesy to other Speakers and members of the public;
- (c) not show or display banners, films, photographs, placards, posters, signs, writings or visible representations or paraphernalia containing violence or lewd, obscene or indecent expressions; and
- (d) not talk about any matter that relates directly or indirectly to any religious belief, to

discrimination of any kind or to any religion which may cause hostility between different racial or religious groups.

11. Where a Speaker or member of the public is in breach of conditions and restrictions of these regulations, the Commissioner may exercise his or her powers under section 6 of the Act.

Powers of the
Commissioner

12. A Speaker or member of the public who contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations commits an offence and shall be liable under section 14 of the Act.

Offence

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

The Portion of land (in Victoria) facing Albert Street, located on the Western side of the Freedom Square assigned with Parcel number V1619 and having the following coordinates

1- X = 328386.724589	Y = 9488863.022261
2- X = 328395.219462	Y = 9488863.022261
3- X = 328386.724589	Y = 9488857.212691
4- X = 328395.219462	Y = 9488857.212691

MADE this 1st day of October, 2019.

MACSUZY MONDON
DESIGNATED MINISTER