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# POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION AND REGULATION) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

(Act 5 of 2025)

I assent

TO APPO

Wavel Ramkalawan President

04th July, 2025

**AN ACT** TO AMEND THE POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION AND REGULATION) ACT (CAP. 173).

### ENACTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2025.

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#### Amendment of section 5

- 2. In the Political Parties (Registration and Regulation) Act (Cap. 173) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in subsection (2) of section 5
  - (a) in clause (c), by repealing the words "national identity number" and substituting therefor the words "copies of a valid National Identity Card or valid passport";
  - (b) by inserting after paragraph (d), the following paragraphs
    - "(da) proof of payment in favour of the Electoral Commission of Seychelles for SCR 1,000 as registration fee;
    - (db) party symbol, logo, acronym, slogan and party colour;";

#### Amendment of section 11

- **3.** In section 11 of the principal Act, by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraphs
  - "(c) to the symbol, logo, acronym, slogan or party colour;
  - (d) to the name of the political party.".

#### Substitution of new section for section 14

**4.** By repealing section 14 of the principal Act and substituting therefor the following section —

## "Confidentiality

- **14.**(1) The Commission or a person authorised by the Commission shall not disclose any information, other than
  - (a) the name of a registered political party;

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- (b) the address of the registered office of a registered political party;
- (c) the particulars of the office bearers of a registered political party; and
- (d) the constitution of a political party.
- (2) Restrictions under subsection (1) shall not apply to the following disclosures
  - (a) those permitted or required under the Act or under any other written law of Seychelles;
  - (b) in the case of information or documents in relation to a political party, with the prior written consent of the political party through its authorised representative;
  - (c) where the information disclosed is in statistical form or it is otherwise disclosed in such manner that does not enable the identity of the political party, to which the information relates;
  - (d) those pursuant to an order of the court; or
  - (e) those for the purposes of investigating an offence under the Act.
- (3) An employee of the Commission or a person authorised by the Commission who fails to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of SCR10,000 and termination from office.".
- (4) A Member of the Commission who fails to comply with subsection (1) shall be liable to be reported to the Constitutional Appointment Authority.

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I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on  $02^{nd}$  July, 2025.

Mrs. Tania Isaac

Clerk to the National Assembly