

CABINET DECISIONS – 22 MARCH 2013

5. Cabinet has taken note of the preparation of an Ecological Agriculture Action Plan in line with the concept of an “Ile Maurice Durable”. The project aims at gradually reducing the use of conventional pesticides on food crop plantations and replacing them by bio-pesticides which are less toxic with a view to making Mauritius an agro-ecology country. In this context, a Committee has been set up to –

- (a) prepare a list of pesticides, chemical fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides and herbicides which can be withdrawn from the market either immediately or in a phased manner; and
- (b) prepare an Action Plan to promote ecological agriculture with emphasis on reduction of chemical pesticides and promotion of alternative methods of pest control, including an integrated pest management approach which are more sustainable.