



Ref: IBA/R1/23/009

Mr. Nicolas Adelson
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18 January 2023

Dear Sir,

Re: Comments in the programme 'Enquêtes en Direct' broadcast on 12 January 2023 at around 09h53 and on 16 January 2023 at around 09h23 on Radio One

I am directed to inform you that the following was broadcast on Radio One:

- 1) at around 09h53 during the program 'Enquêtes en Direct' broadcast on Thursday 12 January 2023. The host of the program was Mrs. Anabelle Savabaddy.

'Anabelle Savabaddy:

Est-ce-que, mo besoin dire li, l'Independent Broadcasting Corporation / Authority, IBA pe tend ceki finn arriver hier et aujourd'hui. Couma eski nous appelle ça. Quand Monsieur Adaken vient dire que ça a été okay et que, avec les preuves, les photos que nous avons eues et reçues. Qui dit tout à fait autre chose. Eski nous capav appelle ça enne 'Diffusing false news'. C'est ça ma question. Voilà'; and

- 2) at around 09h23 during the program 'Enquêtes en Direct' broadcast on Monday 16 January 2023. The host of the program was Mrs. Anabelle Savabaddy.

'Anabelle Savabaddy:

... alors quand j'ai eu l'attaché de presse avec moi au, au téléphone, je n'ai rien contre monsieur Adaken, il a reçu l'information du recteur de ce collège kinn dire li, noun fini remplace vitre la, l'herbe inn fini couper. Et couma li finn dire li pas finn ale laba de visu, mais c'est seki inn finn dire li au téléphone. Attention, quand on vient nous dire une chose pareille à la radio et que ce ne fut pas le cas, how do we called it ? Eski c'est diffusing of false news ? Et si nou nou ti faire li, eski IBA ti pou servi enn longue papier coumsa mo ti pou risqué mo poste zordi ? Et la ki arriver vu que c'est quelqu'un du gouvernement qui est venu le dire à la radio ? Mo laisse sa enn point d'interrogation. [Emphasis is ours]

In the light of the above and the persistent conduct of the presenter, the Authority is hereby requesting Viva Voce Ltd to explain, **by 25 January 2023 at 12h00, at latest:**

- (1) why the presenter of the program 'Enquêtes en Direct' has, on 12 January 2023 and 16 January 2023, dragged the Authority in a matter related to Education; and
- (2) why the presenter has referred to the broadcast of false news and potential sanctions and consequences that may arise from a speculative decision from the Authority.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,



K. Ramphul
Acting Director