



Ref: IBA/RP/23/004

Mr. Eshan Kodarbux
Executive Chairman
Radio Plus Ltd
4B, Labourdonnais Street
Port Louis

10 January 2023

Dear Sir,

**Re: Comments in the programme 'La Voix Maurice' broadcast on 07 January 2023
at around 10h13 on Radio Plus**

I am directed to inform you that:

The following was heard at around 10h13 during the program 'La Voix Maurice' broadcast by Radio Plus on Saturday 07 January 2023. The host of the program was Mr. Nawaz Noorbux.

At 10h13:

Nawaz Noorbux :

*Merci, merci Ameen, ouais mo bizin félicite ou parski oun oun compran le vrai enjeu. C'est seki monn dire exactement teler la, zordi li enn parti li enn leader, dimain li pou enn lot parti, li pou enn lot leader, problème la li systémique. 54 ans, 55 ans après l'indépendance bizin, c'est enn système ki bizin euh bizin être, bizin revoir, ena bann amendements constitutionnels ki pou bizin apporter et euh ou ena parfaitement raison. Guet mo donne ou ennsel l'exemple, euh, Teleplus inn vinn ek enn prev, montrer enn député inn agresse enn infirmier dan enn clinique, okenn action pa finn pran. Si, ki changement bizin apporter ladan, bizin donne pouvoir le peuple, bizin dan sa circonscription la, pou kapav recall enn député. Si 70 pourcents de bann, de l'électorat dan enn circonscription, zot signe sa pétition la, sa vinn devant parlement, li kapav révoque sa député la. **Ena enn député, enn lot député li, li assez clair mo penser ki li impliquer de loin ou de près dan l'affaire Kistnen, okenn action pa finn pran. Si nou ti ena sa, sa pouvoir pou recall enn député la, ti fini pran action, vedire enn premier minis li envi pran action li pa envi pran action, c'est pa li ki décider, c'est l'électorat, c'est le peuple ki décider. Voilà bann types de réforme ki pou bizin apporter, donc sa c'est enn l'exemple, mo penser ena enn bonne dizaine quinzaine de de réforme coumsa ki nou bizin apporter. Ou p koz ingérence dan bann institutions, bé bizin revoir mode nomination de sa bann dimoune ki p dirige sa bann institutions la, bizin guet l'aspect de accountability, bizin faire zot kapav rann conte devant, devant le parlement. Donc, sa c'est bann types de réforme ki mo penser bizin apporter pou permette l'institution travail, pou garanti so l'indépendance et bizin donne bokou plis de pouvoir au peuple. Donc euh, l'électorat li pa kapav enn spectateur, li voter***

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après li assisé, li faire impé tapaz, li kozé lor radio, après lot cinq and li alle voter. Mais entretemps ki arriver, pena démocratie, ki arrive le processus démocratique. Donc mo penser sa bann, ena bann réforme en profondeur couma anglais dire bann bann bold reforms ki nou bizin apporter, bann réformes audacieuses, c'est à partir de la ki nou kapav coumans espérer ki Maurice pou changer dans les années à venir. [Emphasis is ours]

It is apposite to note that paragraph 4 (2) of the Code of Conduct for Broadcasting Services provides as follows:

(2) Comment shall be presented in such manner that it appears clearly to be comment, and shall be made on facts truly stated or fairly indicated and referred to.

Further, paragraph 3A (3)(b) of the Code of Conduct for Broadcasting Services reads as follows [Underlining is ours]:

"(3) (a) -

(b) No presenter shall use the advantage of regular appearances to promote his views in such manner that compromises the requirement for due impartiality."

The Authority is hereby requesting Radio Plus Ltd to explain on which facts the comments made by the host in the above-mentioned extract (emphasized) rest upon and to which action the presenter is referring to, **by 16 January 2023 at 12h00, at latest.**

Your attention is also drawn to:

- (i) paragraph 3A (3)(b) of the Code of Conduct for Broadcasting Services: and
- (ii) the fact that in Mauritius, a murder/manslaughter case is tried before a Judge and jury and comments of the type made by your broadcaster may adversely impact on an eventual trial.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority will, in the light of the preceding paragraph, be referring the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions for such action as he deems appropriate.

Yours faithfully,



K. Ramphul
Acting Director