

Statement to the Press
by Dr the Hon Prime Minister
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Your Excellency, The President of the Republic of India,
Members of the Media,

Good afternoon.

I thank you all for your presence.

It is indeed a singular honour to have with us Her Excellency Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of India.

Her visit constitutes an important landmark in our already uniquely strong bilateral relations.

We've just had a very productive meeting during which we discussed several issues of common interests relating mainly to:

- Trade, Investment and other economic matters;
- Maritime security particularly regarding the increasing threat of piracy;

- Energy and green development;
- Tourism;
- SADC-India Relationship; and
- India-Africa Forum.

As you are aware there is a very important business delegation which is accompanying Her Excellency Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil to look into:

- Investment opportunities in Mauritius;
- Joint ventures for regional projects; and
- The use of Mauritius as a business platform linking Asia to Africa.

I am confident that their stay in Mauritius will also be very fruitful.

I have now the honour to invite Her Excellency Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of India to say a few words.