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**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION)**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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**ON THE FATE OF THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES BEFORE THE
HOUSE AND COMMITTEES; AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES
DURING THE UPCOMING RECESS**

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, at the rise of the sitting today, the House is scheduled to proceed on a long recess in accordance with its Calendar. This marks the conclusion of the regular sittings of this part of the Fourth Session of the National Assembly in the Twelfth Parliament. I sincerely wish to commend Members for the diligence and commitment exhibited with regard to the business of the House, both in plenary and in Committees throughout the Session. Despite the unprecedented challenge that was brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic during the Session, the House managed to transact a number of key Businesses, including passage of the 2020/21 budget, the Finance Act, 2020 which was providing various tax reliefs in relation to mitigation efforts to reduce the impact of Covid-19 on the economy, passage of several public orders and regulations relating to the movement of persons across the country, sanitation and other preventative health protocols, vetting of key state offices such as the Data Commissioner, among others. More comprehensive information on the activities of the House will be made available in the annual report of business of the Assembly which is under preparation.

Honourable Members, as you will recall, the House adopted its Calendar on February 18, 2020, and for the first time at the beginning of this Session, also made a resolution on the last day of Committee sittings this year, as well as their commencement date in 2021. You are therefore invited to take note of the specific dates for resumption of sittings by the House and Committees under the Notices in today's Order Paper.

In this regard, no other Committee Sitzings shall be convened during the said period unless special consideration is granted by my office upon written request. However, the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning is exempted from the suspension to allow for consideration of certain urgent business which is expected soon.

Honourable Members, as the Session winds up and the House proceeds on recess, I wish to remind Members of the fate of the various businesses that are currently before the House and the Committees. This is specifically with regard to Bills which ought to have certain stages concluded before the end of two Sessions, and Petitions which have a given timeline pursuant to the Standing Orders. Conscious of the fact that the proceedings of the House and its Committees were disrupted during the Session by unforeseen recess periods and reduced number of sitting days in an effort to mitigate the effects of COVID 19, the House Business Committee has proposed a motion, which is in today's Order Paper, for consideration by the House. This is to enable the continuation of the said business in the next Session, pursuant to provisions of the Standing Orders. However, Questions, Motions and Statements are traditionally sessional and will therefore lapse at the end of the current Session. Any Member wishing to revive them at the beginning of the next Session is welcome to do so.

In conclusion, Honourable Members, as you proceed to spend valuable time with your families during the holiday season and also attend to your constituents, I take this opportunity to wish you all, along with the staff of Parliament, a happy and restful festive season, and a prosperous New Year. Remember to stay safe!

I thank you!



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