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**The President of the Republic of Mauritius;
Mr Prithvirajsing Roopun;
State House
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This 17 May 2020

Sir,

We took the decision to address the following letter to you this morning:

“This is to request that you withhold assent of the COVID 19 Bill, so as to allow us to meet you in relation to the content of our letter dated 11th May 2020 addressed to the Prime Minister of Mauritius, (see attachment).

Our contentions are that the COVID 19 Bill is unacceptable to the majority of workers as represented by the Unions.

In case you accept to meet us, the delegation of the Observatoire de la Démocratie will be comprised of J. Bizlall (President), B. Juttun (vice President), P. Babet (Secretary) and R. Narraidoo (Asst. Secretary). We shall be assisted by Me D. Ramano and Me K. Ramano the legal advisors of the Observatoire.

We look forward to hearing from you,”

Most unfortunately, we received the Act as Gazetted, dated yesterday 16th May 2020, already assented by you less than a day after the bill was voted in the house. This is tantamount to rubber stamping and “une soumission à l’Exécutif”, a far cry from the action of former President Cassam Utteem when he availed himself of Section 46 of the Constitution and could not give assent to the Terrorism Bill.

This is therefore to request that you leave the Office of President. There is a lack of trust in you. The Observatoire intends organising actions for you to go, including a march of protest after confinement.

**Jack Bizlall (President)
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The local media. .