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49th Anniversary of Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

To celebrate the 49th Anniversary of the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, the High Commission of India is organising a **Reception and Cultural programme** on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 1800 hrs at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture, Phoenix.

2. The Reception will be attended by senior Government officials across all Ministries in Mauritius, Mauritius Police Force Personnel, former Mauritian beneficiaries of the ITEC Scholarships and Training programmes, and Mauritian students who have taken part in the popular **Know India Programme** organised by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India. The Reception will be graced by H.E. Mr Anup Mudgal, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mauritius, and will allow all those present to exchange their views and experiences of the ITEC programme.

3. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme was instituted by a decision of the Indian Cabinet on 15 September 1964 as a bilateral programme of assistance of the Government of India.

4. Under ITEC programme, 161 countries in Asia, Africa, East Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as Pacific and Small Island countries are invited to share in the Indian developmental experience acquired over six decades of India's existence as a free nation. As a result of different activities under this programme, there is now a visible and growing awareness among other countries about the competence of India as a provider of technical

know-how and expertise as well as training opportunities, consultancy services and feasibility studies. These programmes have generated immense goodwill and substantive cooperation among the developing countries.

5. The ITEC Programme has the following main components :

- Training (civilian and defence) in India of nominees from ITEC partner countries;

- Projects and project related activities such as feasibility studies and consultancy services;

- Deputation of Indian experts abroad;

- Study Tours;

6. Over the decades, Mauritius has been one of the largest beneficiaries of the ITEC programme. A more detailed note on the ITEC Programme is attached herewith for your information and use.

7. It is our pleasure to cordially invite you and your colleagues to attend and cover this gala Reception, which will be followed by a cultural programme and a light meal
