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PRESIDENT MICHEL NAMED PARTI *LEPEP* PRESIDENT

Seychelles President James Michel has been voted President of the *Parti Lepep* (People's Party), following the rebranding of the Seychelles People's Progressive Front (SPPF) party, at the 24th National Congress of the SPPF in Victoria today.

President Michel said that the new name *Parti Lepep* reflects newer aspirations and needs of the party whilst keeping its core principles of the SPPF. He said that the world is changing at a great speed and that *Parti Lepep* is not afraid of change, and that for this reason the party needs a 'new direction.'

"Our party is always ready to adapt to the needs of its people. We are always ready to move in a new direction... As President of the Republic and as the Party President, I give you my commitment that I will always put the people first," said President Michel in his acceptance speech.

" We have to be at the service of the people. That is our principle. The Seychellois people are counting on us to create a better life for them. As the party who took our people out of poverty, I give you my commitment that we will never stop working for you."

President Michel was previously the SPPF Secretary General, and today replaces President France Albert Rene as the Party President. President Rene has been named the Founding President of the Party, as he created the party in 1964.

Parti Lepep has a new a new logo (may be viewed on www.partilepep.com) that represents the people of Seychelles, and their determination, strength and courage. The sun represents the vision of *Parti Lepep*, spreading its rays over the people of Seychelles. The sun is a representation of renewed vigour, inspiration and strength. The slogan of the party remains the same as the previous SPPF slogan: *Fearless in dignity*.