**1. Report of the** **Select Committee on Trade and International Relations on the Foreign Service Bill [B 35B - 2015] (National Assembly – sec 75), dated 20 March 2019:**

The Select Committee on Trade and International Relations, having considered the subject of the ***Foreign Service Bill*** [B 35B - 2015] (National Assembly – sec 75), referred to it, reports the Bill with a proposed amendment as follows:

Clause 2

1. Clause rejected.
2. **Process followed by the Committee**
3. The Bill was referred to the Select Committee on Trade and International Relations on 5 December 2018.
4. The Department of International Relations and Cooperation was invited to brief the Committee on 20 February 2019.
5. The Committee advertised and called for written submissions in national newspapers from 24 February until 1 March 2019. The Committee received five written submissions.
6. On 13 March 2019, the Committee considered the written submissions received. The Committee rejected the two submissions from the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) and from the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) on the basis that they were submitted after the closing date. The Committee further reaffirmed its commitment to comprehensively deal with all the issues raised, including those alluded to in the two submissions by the DPSA and PSCBC.
7. The Department responded to the written submissions.

**B. Dissenting view**

The Democratic Alliance objected to the rejection of Clause 2.

**C. Recommendation**

The Select Committee on Trade and International Relations recommends that the Council adopt this report and approve the Bill with a proposed amendment.

Report to be considered.