



**Press Release**

**SBC assists the National Assembly to transit to robotic filming**

The first session of the 7th National Assembly this morning was filmed using robotic PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) cameras.

Filming in the National Assembly chamber was, up till now, a task performed by camera operators from SBC.

Previously, for the National Assembly sessions, there would be 3 camera operators assigned. A 4<sup>th</sup> unmanned camera was also used to provide the wide static view of the chamber.

The job of filming invariably required the SBC camera operators to be standing for long hours. This created fatigue, reducing concentration, an affliction that robotic cameras will evidently not suffer from. The long hours also posed a staffing health and welfare issue for the Corporation.

Directing the filming, that is selection of images and sounds to be broadcast, remains a human role. Whilst there are fully automated systems installed in several other parliaments around the world, human input on directing decisions remain key in ensuring that the appropriate images are broadcasted to the viewing public.

It is to be noted that the new set-up provides High Definition (HD) images compared to the previous set-up, owned by the SBC, which could only produce Standard Definition (SD) images only.

The new filming equipment is owned by the National Assembly. This morning's television coverage was a collaboration between the SBC and the National Assembly as the national broadcaster assists the national Legislature until the institution is able to fully operate the new filming equipment.

The SBC has assisted the National Assembly with the implementation of the setup as well as with training of the staff of the newly-formed broadcast unit of the National Assembly. The SBC will continue to support the broadcast unit until they are proficient in directing the live sessions.

This means that, eventually, the SBC will only be receiving a feed of the National Assembly sessions and will not be responsible for the production of the images and sounds emanating from the Legislative chamber.

SBC will continue to broadcast the National Assembly sessions on SBC2 and Radyo Sesel, while the National Assembly will continue to stream the sessions live on their YouTube channel.