

## **BANK OF MAURITIUS**

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## Communiqué United Nations Scam Alert

It has come to the knowledge of the Bank of Mauritius that a scam email purportedly emanating from the United Nations website under the signature of the Secretary General of the United Nations is currently in circulation. The scam email states that the United Nations has agreed to compensate ten selected victims of financial crime and fraud with the sum of USD230,000 each and calls for personal details, such as full name, telephone number and mailing address of the recipients.

Members of the public are hereby alerted on the fraudulent nature of such correspondences, which may be circulated via email, regular mail or facsimile. The United Nations has issued a Fraud Alert on its website to warn the public at large on the fraudulent nature of such correspondences. The United Nations recommends that recipients of such solicitations exercise extreme caution as these may result in financial loss and identity theft.

Members of the public are therefore cautioned against such unsolicited emails, regular mails or facsimiles and are advised not to give out personal information such as full name, telephone number, mailing address, bank account details etc. to unknown persons as they run the risk of being scammed or becoming a party to illicit transactions.

A list of the different types of financial frauds is available on the Bank's website, <a href="https://www.bom.mu">https://www.bom.mu</a> under the menu "Financial education".

Please do not hesitate to call us on 202-3802 or send us an email on <u>micell@bom.mu</u> to report any potential scam or financial fraud.

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