

## PRESS RELEASE

Anne-Marie Payet, Senator of Reunion island, is very pleased about the commitment taken by Minister Xavier Bertrand to fight against Foetal Alcohol Syndrom and other Foetal Alcohol Syndrom Disorders<sup>1</sup>( FASD)

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Anne-Marie Payet, Senator of Reunion Island, Muguette Dini, President of the Social Affairs Committee of the Senate and Dr Denis Lamblin, President of SAFFRANCE were heard by Minister Xavier Bertrand on this day. They presented the principal measures to be taken to improve the prevention, early diagnosis and taking care of the population suffering from Foetal Alcohol Disorders.

The Minister sustained six major points:

- **enlarging the contrasted logo on the alcoholic beverages bottles** (minimum size advised: 1,5 x 1,3 cm.)
- **the International Strasbourg Colloquim** to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 on the theme « From Prenatal Alcohol to School Failure » whose aim is to facilitate the awareness of professionals concerning the link between prenatal alcohol, mental defeciency and learning difficulties.
- the creation by SAFFRANCE of a **national training centre for trainers** who will be in the service of health, social, educational and justice professionnals in France.
- the **Ten-Year Prevention Plan** proposal concerning FASD
- the creation of a **FASD National Reference and Prevention Centre** in Réunion Island
- the **linking of the SAFFRANCE website** to the Health Ministry internet portal

The Senator is extremely pleased by the strong signal sent by Minister Xavier Bertrand and by his determination in fighting this major health issue.

1. Foetal Alcohol Syndrom Disorders concern at least 7000 children per year in France (about 1% of births).