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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI SHAKYASINHARAMA   
VIHARASTHA KARYASADHAKA SANVIDANAYA

WHEREAS an Organization called and known as the Preamble“Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka   
Sanvidanaya” has heretofore been established in Sri Lanka   
for the purpose of effectually carrying out its objects and   
transacting all matters connected with the said Organization   
according to the rules agreed to by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Organization has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant the said application:

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Sri Shakyasinharama | Short title |

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| **2.** | (1) From and after the date of commencement of this | Incorporation of the Sri  Shakyasinharama Viharastha  Karyasadhaka  Sanvidanaya |
| Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization”) and shall hereafter be admitted as members of the body corporate hereby | |

constituted shall have perpetual succession under the name and style of the “Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya” (hereinafter referred to as the“body corporate”), and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have, and use a common seal

and to alter the same at its pleasure.

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(2) The body corporate shall be deemed to be a Voluntary Social Service Organization within the meaning and for the purpose of the Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 and the provisions of that Act shall apply to and in relation to the management of the affairs of the body corporate.

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| General objects of the body  corporate | **3.** | The general objects for which the body corporate is |
| constituted are hereby declared to be— | |
| (*a*) | to attend activities on religious development and |

the development of the persons;

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| (*b*) | to | develop, | protect | and | conserve | Sri |

Shakyasinharamaya and other associated temples;

(*c*) to promote and foster humanitarian ideas, good   
 values and morals;

(*d*) to carry out awareness programmes for the general   
 public including school children of the value of   
 acquiring knowledge in Sinhala, English, Sanskrit   
 and other languages, computer and technical   
 knowledge;

(*e*) to implement cultural programmes aiming at the   
 participation of the members of the public in such   
 programmes; and

(*f*) to extend support to services rendered by senior   
 citizens’ organizations and to encourage such   
 organizations.

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| **4.** | The objects of the body corporate shall be carried | Body corprate to ensure no  conflict with  work of Ministry or Department of the Government or any Provincial Council  Management of the affairs of the body corporate |
| out in accordance with written law and in such manner so as not to create any conflict between the work of the body corporate and any work being carried out simultaneously by any Ministry or Department of the Government or of any Provincial Council or any Local Authority. | |
| **5.** | (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and the rules |
| made under section 7, the management and administration of the affairs of the body corporate shall be carried out by a | |

Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) consisting of such number of office bearers as may be specified by the rules made under section 7.

(2)(*a*) The members of the Board of the Organization holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall, subject to the rules made under paragraph (*b*), function as an Interim Board of the body corporate until the first Board is appointed or elected in the manner provided for by rules made under section 7.

(*b*) Subject to the provisions of section 7, the Interim Board of the body corporate shall have the power to make rules for the interim administration of the body corporate and for election or appointment of the members of the first Board of the body corporate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law.

(*c*) Any decision of the Interim Board shall be taken by the majority of its members present at such meeting.

(*d*) The First Board of the body corporate shall be appointed or elected within one year of the date of commencement of this Act.

(3)(*a*) Every office bearer of the Board including the patrons and advisors, shall be appointed or elected for a

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period of three years and any such office bearer, patron or advisor shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election after lapse of the said period of three years.

(*b*) In the event of a vacancy occurring due to the death, resignation, incapacity or removal from office of an office bearer, the Board shall, having regard to the rules of the body corporate, elect or appoint a person to fill such vacancy.

(*c*) The person elected or appointed under paragraph (*b*) shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

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| Powers of the  body corporate | **6.** | Subject to the provisions of this Act and any |
| other written law, the body corporate shall have the power | |

to do, perform and execute the following acts for the achievement of the objects of the body corporate:–

(*a*) to purchase, rent, construct, renovate and otherwise   
 obtain lands or buildings which may be required   
 for the purposes of the body corporate and to deal   
 with or dispose of the same as may be determined   
 by the Board with a view to promoting the objects   
 of the body corporate;

(*b*) to enter into and perform or carry out, whether   
 directly or through any officer or agent authorized   
 in that behalf by the body corporate, all such   
 contracts or agreements as may be necessary for the   
 attainment of the objects or the exercise of the   
 powers of the body corporate;

(*c*) to borrow or raise funds with or without securities   
 and to receive grants, gifts or donations in cash or   
 kind:

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Provided that, the Board shall obtain the prior   
written approval of the Department of External   
Resources in respect of all foreign grants, gifts or   
donations made to the body corporate;

(*d*) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate,   
 buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques,   
 promissory notes and other negotiable instruments   
 and to open, operate, maintain and close accounts   
 in any bank in Sri Lanka approved by the Board;

(*e*) to invest any funds that are not immediately required   
 for the purposes of the body corporate, in such   
 manner as the Board may determine;

(*f*) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and   
 administer any lawful trust having objects similar   
 to the objects of the body corporate or any real or   
 personal property with a view to promoting the   
 objects of the body corporate;

(*g*) to appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services   
 of officers and servants of the body corporate and   
 exercise disciplinary control over them and to pay   
 them such salaries, allowances and gratuities as may   
 be determined by the body corporate;

(*h*) to organize lectures, seminars and conferences with   
 a view to promoting the objectives of the body   
 corporate;

(*i*) to liaise and co-ordinate with other local and foreign   
 institutions having similar objects to that of the   
 body corporate; and

(*j*) to train officers and servants in Sri Lanka or abroad   
 for the purposes of the body corporate.

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| Rules of the  body corporate | **7.** (1) It shall be lawful for the body corporate, from time to time, at any general meeting of the body corporate and by |

a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, for the following matters:—

(*a*) the classification of membership, admission,   
 withdrawal, expulsion or resignation of members   
 and fees payable by the members;

(*b*) the election of office bearers of the Board or   
 vacation of or removal from office of office bearers   
 and the powers, duties and functions of the office   
 bearers;

(*c*) the terms and conditions of appointment, powers,   
 functions and duties of various officers, and   
 servants of the body corporate;

(*d*) the procedure to be followed for the summoning   
 and holding of meetings of the body corporate or   
 of the Board, or notices and agenda of such   
 meetings, the quorum and the conduct of business   
 thereat;

(*e*) the qualifications and disqualifications to be a   
 member of the Board and the body corporate;

(*f*) the administration and management of the property   
 of the body corporate;

(*g*) the procedure governing the manner of liaising and   
 coordinating with other local and foreign   
 institutions having objects similar to that of the   
 body corporate; and

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(*h*) generally the management of the affairs of the body   
 corporate and the accomplishment of its’ objects   
 and dissolution of the body corporate.

(2) Any rule made by the body corporate may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner, as a rule made under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The rules made under subsection (1) shall be published in the *Gazette* within three months upon making of such rules and shall come into effect on the date of such publication.

(4) The members of the body corporate shall at all times be subject to the rules of the body corporate.

**8.**  The Board shall maintain a register of members in Register of which name, address and other essential details of the members

members shall be inscribed.

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| **9.** | (1) The body corporate shall have its own Fund. | Fund of the |

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(2) All moneys received by way of gifts, bequests, donations, subscriptions, contributions, fees or grants for and on account of the body corporate shall, subject to the provisions of section 6(*c*), be deposited in one or more banks approved by the Board to the credit of the body corporate.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund, all such sums of money as are required to defray any expenditure incurred by the body corporate in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

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| **10.** | (1) The financial year of the body corporate shall be | Accounts and auditing |
| the calendar year. | |

(2) The body corporate shall cause proper accounts to be kept of its income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the body corporate.

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(3) The accounts of the body corporate shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General or a qualified auditor appointed by Auditor-General in terms of provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution and be certified by the Auditor-General or such qualified auditor.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “qualified auditor”means—

(*a*) an individual who, being a member of the Institute   
 of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any   
 other institute established by law, possesses a   
 certificate to practise as an Accountant, issued by   
 the Council of such institute; or

(*b*) a firm of Accountants, each of the resident partners   
 of which, being a member of the Institute of   
 Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other   
 institute established by law, possesses a certificate   
 to practise as an Accountant, issued by the Council   
 of such institute.

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| Annual Report | **11.** | (1) The Board shall prepare a report of the activities |

of the body corporate for each financial year and submit such report together with the audited statement of accounts and a list of all assets and liabilities of the body corporate certified by the Auditor-General or a qualified auditor referred to in section 10, to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Buddha Sasana under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution and to the Registrar of Voluntary Social Services Organizations appointed under the Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 before the expiration of six months of the year succeeding the year to which such report relates.

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(2) A separate statement of accounts relating to the foreign and local moneys received by the body corporate, the details of all contracts and agreements entered into by the body corporate and the rules of the body corporate made under section 7 during the financial year shall be attached to the report referred to in subsection (1).

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| **12.** | All debts and liabilities of the Organization existing | Debts due by  and payable to  the Organization |
| on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid by the body corporate hereby | |

constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Organization on that day shall be paid to the body corporate for the purposes of this Act.

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| **13.** | Subject to the provisions of this Act, and any other | Body corporate may hold  property  movable and  immovable |
| written law, the body corporate shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, | |

grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the body corporate for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules of the body corporate made under section 7, with power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

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| **14.** | The moneys and property of the body corporate | Application of moneys and  property |
| however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the body corporate and no | |

portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or profit or otherwise howsoever to the members of the body corporate.

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| **15.** | (1) The Seal of the body corporate shall not affixed | Seal of the body corporate |
| to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of two | |

members of the Board who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall

be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

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(2) The Seal of the body corporate shall be in the custody of an office bearer of the Board as may be decided by the Board.

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| Property  remaining on dissolution | **16.** | (1) If upon the dissolution of the body corporate |
| there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, such property shall not | |

be distributed among the members of the body corporate, but shall be given or transferred to any other appropriate institution having objects similar to those of the body corporate, and which is by the rules thereof, prohibited from distributing any income or property among its members.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the appropriate institution shall be determined by the members of the body corporate with the approval of the Registrar of Voluntary Social Services Organizations appointed under the Voluntary Social Services Organization (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 immediately before the dissolution at a general meeting by the majority of votes of the members present.

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| Saving of the  rights of the  Republic  Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency | **17.** | Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or |
| affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate. | |
| **18.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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