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AN ACTTOINCORPORATETHE BALAPITIYA SRI RAHULARAMA   
PURANA VIHARASTHA SAMANERA AKALPA   
SANGWARDENA BIKSHU VIDYALAYA

WHEREAS a Vidyalaya called and known as the Preamble“Balapitiya Sri Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera   
Akalpa Sangwardena Bikshu Vidyalaya” has heretofore been   
established in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying   
out its objects and transacting all matters connected with the   
said Vidyalaya according to the rules agreed to by its   
members:

AND WHEREAS the said Vidyalaya 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 Balapitiya Sri | Short title |
| Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera Akalpa | |

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| **2.** | (1) From and after the date of commencement of this | Incorporation of the  Balapitiya Sri Rahularama  Purana  Viharastha  Samanera  Akalpa  Sangwardena Bikshu  Vidyalaya |
| Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Balapitiya Sri Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera Akalpa Sangwardena Bikshu Vidyalaya (hereinafter referred to as the “Vidyalaya”) and shall hereafter be admitted as members of the body corporate hereby constituted shall have perpetual succession under the name and style of the“Balapitiya Sri Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera Akalpa Sangwardena Bikshu Vidyalaya” (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 Services Organization within the meaning and for the purpose of the Voluntary Social Service 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 to assist the relevant authorities to— | |
| (*a*) | embed the desired course of conduct of a novice |

Samanera Bhikku in to the lives of Samanera   
Bhikku, as a life practice;

(*b*) provide knowledge to the Samanera Bhikku in   
 relation to –

(i) the basic elements of the life of a novice   
 Samanera Bhikku;

(ii) the customs of partaking alms, pindapatha,   
 (gathering alms by visiting households),   
 bathing and sleeping; and

(iii) the life of Lord Buddha and selected stories   
 of the Buddha Sasana;

(*c*) train the Samanera Bhikku of the correct way of   
 worshiping Buddha, performing Bodhi Puja and   
 uttering Pin Wakya; and

(*d*) provide basic knowledge on the subjects of Sinhala   
 Pali, Sanskrit, Tamil and English languages and   
 Mathematics to the Samanera Bhikku.

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| **4.** | The objects of the body corporate shall be carried | Body corporate to ensure no  conflict with  work of  Ministry or  Department of  the Government or Provincial  Council  Management of  affairs of the  body corporate |
| out 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. | |
| **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 | |

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

(2) (*a*) The Committee of the Vidyalaya 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 Committee of the body corporate until the first Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee of the body corporate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law.

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

(*d*) The first Committee 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 Committee including the

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patrons and advisers, shall be appointed or elected for a 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 Committee 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 all such acts and matters as are necessary or disrable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the body corporate or any one of them, including the power–

(*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 deemed   
 expedient 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 Committee 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 accouts in   
 any bank;

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

(*f*) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and   
 administer any lawful trust having objects similar   
 to 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 servents 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 liaise and co-ordinate with other local and   
 foreign institutions having similar objects to that   
 of the body corporate; and

(*i*) generally to do all such acts and things for the   
 achievement of the objects 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 all or any of 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 Committee 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 appoinment, 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 and of the Committee 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 Committee and the body corporate; | |
| (*f*) | the administration and management of the property |
| of the body corporate; and | |
| (*g*) | 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.

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(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 thereof.

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

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

members shall be inscribed.

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

(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 Committee 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.

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

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(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 practice 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 practice as   
 an Accountant, issued by the Council of such Institute.

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| Annual Report | **11.** | (1) The Committee 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 certified by the Auditor-General or qualified auditor appointed by the Auditor-General, to the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Education under Article 43 or 44 of the Constitution, as the case may be, and to the Registrar of Voluntary Social Service Organizations appointed under the Voluntary Social Services Organization (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.

(2) A separate statement of accounts relating to the foreign and local moneys received by the body corporate during the financial year shall be attached to the report referred to in subsection (1).

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

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constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Vidyalaya 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 moneyes 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 be | Seal of the body corporate |
| affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence | |

of two members of the Committee, 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.

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

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| **16.** | (1) If upon the dissolution of the body corporate | Property  remaining on  dissolution |
| 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,

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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 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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