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**SRI LANKA**

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**NATIONAL INNOVATION AGENCY**

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**BILL**

**to provide for the establishment of the National Innovation Agency and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto**

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

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| 5 | **1.** This Act may be cited as the National Innovation | Short title |
| Agency Act, No. of 2019, and shall come into operation on | and the date |
| of operation. |
| such date as the President may appoint (hereinafter referred |

to as “the appointed date”) by Order published in the *Gazette*.

PART I

NATIONAL INNOVATION AGENCY

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| 10 | **2.** (1) There shall be established an Agency called and | Establishment |
| known as the “National Innovation Agency” (hereinafter | of the |
| National |
| referred to as the “Agency”). |
| Innovation |
| (2) The Agency shall, by the name assigned to it by | Agency. |

subsection (1), be a body corporate and shall have perpetual

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| 15 | succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in | | Objects of |
| that name. | |
| **3.** The objects of the Agency shall be to – | |
| (*a*) | promote better understanding on social | the Agency. |

innovation,science and technology innovation,   
defence innovation, eco innovation and service

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| 20 | (*b*) | innovation, and their impact on the economy; |
| make recommendations to the Government in order |

to formulate national policies in respect of   
innovation;

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| 25 | (*c*) | ensure that national research is aligned with and |
| contributes to the economy and national economic |
| goals; |

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| 2 | (*d*) | *National Innovation Agency* |
| coordinate innovators and initiatives to foster |

impact;

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| 5 | (*e*) | identify any obstacles in the public and private | | | | | Powers, |
| sector that hamper innovation; | | | | | |
| (*f*) | support and facilitate innovation in private sector | | | | |
| to establish a vibrant national innovation eco | | | | | |
| system. | | | | | |
| **4.** The powers, functions and duties of the Agency shall | | | | | |
| 10 | be to: – | | | | | | functions and |
| duties of the |
| (*a*) | liaise with the public and private sector institutions | | | | | Agency. |
| relevant to important aspects of the objects of the | | | | | |
| Agency; | | | | | |
| 15 | (*b*) | make recommendations to the government to | | | | |
| initiate and fund National Innovation Programmes | | | | | |
| in order to support a creative economy; | | | | | |
| 20 | (*c*) | to develop and sustain a national innovation | | | | |
| ecosystem in keeping with the Sri Lanka Innovation | | | | | |
| and Entrepreneurship Strategy as approved by the | | | | | |
| Cabinet of Ministers; | | | | | |
| (*d*) | support | the | National | Innovation | and |
| Entrepreneurship Strategy objectives through the | | | | | |
| facilitation of hi-tech enterprises stemming from | | | | | |
| research and technology transfer; | | | | | |
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| (*e*) | monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of | | | | |
| investment, policies and strategies on innovation | | | | | |
| and entrepreneurship; | | | | | |
| (*f*) | coordinate and harmonize international activities | | | | |
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| in innovation with the relevant Ministries, | | | | | |
| Departments and other innovation institutions in | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka and with international institutions to | | | | | |
| encourage commercialization of the outputs of | | | | | |

innovation activities;

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(*g*) drive the progress of Sri Lanka upward through the   
 ranking of global innovation indices to ensure a   
 resilient economic standing,subject to the Sri Lanka   
 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Strategy as

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| 5 | (*h*) | approved by the Cabinet of Ministers; |
| receive, collate, evaluate and publish the Sri Lankan |

Annual Innovation and entrepreneurship reports   
covering the eco system taking into consideration   
the international linkage and presence;

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| 10 | (*i*) | to purchase any movable or immovable property |
| which may be required for the Agency, hold, take |

or give on lease or hire, mortgage, pledge or sell or   
otherwise dispose of, any movable or immovable   
property belonging to the Agency as may be

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| 15 | (*j*) | deemed expedient with a view to promote the |
| objects of the Agency; |
| subject to any applicable written law, to open and |

maintain current, savings or other deposit accounts   
in any State bank or banks and to close such

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| 20 | (*k*) | accounts; |
| subject to any applicable written law, to accept and |

receive, gifts, grants, loans, donations and bequests   
both movable and immovable, from sources in or   
outside Sri Lanka for the use of the Agency:

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| 25 | Provided that, the Agency shall obtain prior written approval of the Ministry of Finance in respect of all |

foreign grants, donations or bequests made to the   
Agency;

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| 30 | (*l*) | deposit in any bank account or accounts of the |
| Agency, the funds of the Agency which are not |

required immediately for the purposes of the   
Agency;

(*m*) make rules in respect of matters pertaining to the administration of affairs of the Agency;

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| 4 | (*n*) | *National Innovation Agency* |
| outsource for appropriate payments in compliance |

with the relevant financial regulations, research, data collating or any other activities necessary for the smooth and efficient discharge of the duties 5 and functions of the Agency. The Agency shall have the ownership of all research, any material or data collected by any person for the purposes of this Act, and be responsible for the protection of such research, material or data;

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| 10 | (*o*) | with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to |
| enter into agreements, with any local or foreign |

persons or institutions in respect of the objects of   
the Agency;

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| 15 | (*p*) | coordinate and facilitate joint ventures with the |
| (*q*) | private sector with the approval of the Minister in |
| order to achieve the objects of the Agency; and |
| generally do such acts and things for the |

achievement of the objects of the Agency.

PART II

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| 20 | ADMINISTRATIONAND MANAGEMNTOFTHE AGENCY | Administration |
| **5.** (1) The administration and management of the affairs |
| of the Agency shall be vested in a Steering Council | of the Agency. |

(hereinafter referred to as the “Council”).

(2) The Council shall for the purpose of administering 25 the affairs of the Agency, exercise, discharge and perform the powers, functions and duties conferred on, assigned to or imposed on the Agency by this Act.

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| 30 | **6.** | (1) The Council shall consist of- | | Constitution of |
| the Council. |
| (*a*) | The following *ex-officio* members, |
| namely,— | |

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(i) the Secretary to the President who   
 shall be the Chairperson of the   
 Council;

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| 5 | (ii) | an officer of the Ministry of the |
| Minister assigned the subject of |
| Development Strategies not below |

the rank of an Additional Secretary   
nominated by that Minister;

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| 10 | (iii) | an officer of the Ministry of the |
| Minister assigned the subject of |
| Finance not below the rank of an |

Additional Secretary nominated by   
that Minister;

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| 15 | (iv) | the Director-General of National |
| Planning Department or his |
| nominee not below the rank of a |

Director;

(v) the Director-General of the   
 National Intellectual Property

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| 20 | Office of Sri Lanka appointed under section 2 of the Intellectual |

Property Act, No.36 of 2003;

(vi) an officer of the Ministry of the   
 Minister assigned the subject of

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| 25 | Science not below the rank of an Additional Secretary nominated by |

that Minister;

(vii) an officer of the Ministry of the   
 Minister assigned the subject of

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| 30 | Technology and Research not below the rank of an Additional |

Secretary nominated by that   
Minister;

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| 5 | 6 | (*b*) | *National Innovation Agency* | | | |
| (viii) | an officer of the Ministry of the | | |
| Minister assigned the subject of | | | |
| International Trade not below the | | | |
| rank of an Additional Secretary | | | |
| nominated by that Minister; | | | |
| 10 | (ix) | the Chairperson or his nominee of | | |
| the Sri Lanka Institute of | | | |
| Nanotechnology; and | | | |
| (i) one person who has gained eminence | | | |
| relating | | to | innovation, |
| 15 | entrepreneurship, social innovation, | | | |
| business, venture capital, education | | | |
| or finance, nominated by the Minister | | | |
| and appointed by the President; and | | | |
| (ii) not more than six persons who have | | | |
| gained eminence relating to | | | |
| innovation, entrepreneurship, social | | | |
| 20 | innovation, business, venture capital, | | | |
| law, education or finance, both from | | | |
| public and private sectors, appointed | | | |
| by the President. | | | |

(hereinafter referred to as the “appointed   
members”).

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| 25 | (2) In the event the subjects referred to in subsection (1) | | Disqualification |
| fall within one or more Ministries, then an officer of each | |
| such Ministry not below the rank of an Additional Secretary | |
| nominated by the Minister shall be a member of the Council. | |
| **7.** | Any person- |

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| 30 | (*a*) if such person is not or ceases to be a citizen | a member of |
| the Council. |
| of Sri Lanka; |

(*b*) if such person is or becomes a member of   
Parliament or a Provincial Council or any   
Local Authority;

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(*c*) if such person has any financial or other   
interest as is likely to affect the discharge by   
him of his functions as a member of the   
Council;

5 (*d*) if such person is under any law in force in Sri Lanka or in any other country found or declared to be of unsound mind;

(*e*) if such person is an undischarged bankrupt;   
 or

10 (*f*) if such person is serving or has served a sentence of imprisonment imposed by any court in Sri Lanka or any other country,

such person shall be disqualified from being appointed or continue to be a member of the Council.

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| 15 | **8.** Every appointed member of the Council shall, unless | Term of |
| he vacates office earlier by death, resignation or removal, | office of the |
| appointed |
| hold office for a period of three years, and unless removed |
| members. |
| from office shall be eligible for re-appointment,for not more |

than one further term, whether consecutive or otherwise.

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| 20 | **9.** (1) Any appointed member of the Council may at any | Removal |
| time, resign his office by letter in that behalf addressed to | resignation |
| etc. of |
| the President, and such resignation shall take effect from the |
| appointed |
| date on which the resignation is accepted in writing by the | members. |

President .

25 (2) The President may, for reasons assigned therefor remove any appointed member from office. An appointed member who has been removed from office shall not be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Council or to serve the Council in any other capacity.

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(3) In the event of the vacation of office by death, resignation or removal of any appointed member, the President shall, subject to paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 6, appoint another person to fill such vacancy and

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| 5 | such person shall hold office for the un-expired period of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds. |

(4) Where any appointed member of the Council is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office on

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| 10 | account of ill health or any other cause or if he is absent from Sri Lanka for a period of not less than three months, the |

President shall having regard to the provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 6, appoint any other person to act in place of such member during his absence.

(5) Where any appointed member of the Council fails to 15 attend three consecutive meetings of the Council without obtaining prior excuse for absence from the Chairperson such member shall deemed to have vacated his office at the conclusion of the third meeting and the President shall appoint another person to fill such vacancy in the manner

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| 20 | provided in subsection (3). | Meetings of |
| **10.** (1) The Chief Innovation Officer of the Agency |
| appointed under section 14 shall summon all meetings of | the Council. |

the Council.

(2) The Council members may attend meetings of the 25 Council in person or through electronic means.

For the purposes of this subsection “electronic means”mean, video conferencing and web conferencing.

(3) No act or proceeding of the Council shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of a vacancy in the Council 30 or any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council.

(4) The Chairperson or in his absence any member elected by the members present shall preside at such meeting of the Council.

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(5) The quorum for any meeting of the Council shall be five members. Where there is an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the Council shall in addition to his vote have a casting vote.

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| 5 | **11.** (1) The Council may whenever it considers necessary | | | C o u n c i l t o |
| 10 | invite experts to any meeting of the Council who have | | | invite experts |
| expertise on any subject which will be dealt with by the | | | to meetings. |
| Council at such meeting for the purpose of obtaining their | | |
| views on such subject matter for the effective discharge of | | |
| the functions of the Council so however, the Council shall | | |
| 15 | have the absolute discretion of accepting or rejecting the | | | Remuneration |
| views of the experts. | | |
| (2) The experts shall be paid such remuneration as may | | |
| be determined by the Council and shall have no voting | | |
| rights. | | |
| **12.** The members of the Council may be paid such | | |
| 20 | remuneration as may be determined by the President in | | | for attending |
| consultation with the Minister assigned the subject of | | | meetings of |
| the Council. |
| Finance. | | |
| **13.** | (1) The seal of the Agency– | | The seal of |
| (*a*) | | shall be determined by the Council and | the Agency. |
| may be altered in such manner as may | | |
| be determined by the Council; | | |
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| (*b*) | | shall be in the custody of such person |
| as the Council may determine, from | | |
| time to time; and | | |
| 30 | (*c*) | | shall not be affixed to any instrument |
| or document except with the sanction | | |
| of the Council and in the presence of | | |
| two members of the Council who shall | | |
| sign the instrument or document in | | |
| 35 | token of their presence. | | |
| (2) The Council shall maintain a register in respect of the | | |
| instruments and documents to which the seal of the Agency | | |
| is affixed. | | |

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PART III

THE CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICEROFTHE AGENCY

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| 5 | **14.** | (1) There shall be appointed by the President in | The Chief |
| consultation with the Council, subject to such terms and | | Innovation |
| Officer of the |
| conditions determined by the Council, a person possessing a | |
| Agency. |
| postgraduate degree relating to science or technology and | |

innovation from a recognized University, with proven management experience to be the Chief Innovation Officer

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| 10 | of the Agency.He may attend any meeting of the Council but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting. |

(2) The Chief Innovation Officer shall subject to the general directions of the Council be responsible for the administration of the Agency.

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| 15 | (3) The Chief Innovation Officer shall be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the President with |

the concurrence of the Minister assigned the subject of Finance.

(4) The President may on the recommendation of the

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| 20 | Council and for reasons assigned therefor remove from office | | Appointment of |
| the Chief Innovation Officer appointed under this section. | |
| **15.** | (1) The Agency may appoint such number of officers |
| 25 | and employees as it may consider necessary for the efficient | | the staff of the |
| Agency. |
| discharge of its functions. | |
| (2) The Agency may in respect of the officers and | |
| employees appointed under subsection (1)- | |
| (*a*) | exercise disciplinary control over or dismiss such |

officers and employees;

*(b*) determine the terms and conditions of employment   
 of such officers and employees;

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(*c*) fix as may be determined by the Council in   
 consultation with the Minister to whom the subject   
 of Finance is assigned, the rates at which the officers   
 and employees shall be remunerated; and

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| 5 | (*d*) | establish a staff welfare and social security scheme |
| for the benefit of such officers and employees and |

make contributions to any such scheme.

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| 10 | **16.** | (1) At the request of the Council, any officer in the | Appointment |
| public service may, with the consent of that officer and of | | of Public |
| Officers to the |
| the Public Service Commission be temporarily appointed to | |
| staff of the |
| the staff of the Agency for such period as may be determined | | Agency. |

by the Council, or with like consent, be permanently appointed to such staff.

(2) Where any officer in the public service is temporarily 15 appointed to the staff of the Agency the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such officer.

(3) Where any officer in the public service is permanently 20 appointed to the staff of the Agency the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such officer.

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| 25 | **17.** | (1) At the request of the Council, any officer or other | Appointment |
| employee of any Higher Educational Institution established | | of officers |
| from Higher |
| under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 may, with the | |
| educational |
| consent of that officer or the employee and the principal | |
| institutions to |
| 30 | executive officer of that Higher Educational Institution, be | | the staff of the |
| Agency. |
| temporarily appointed to the staff of the Agency. Such | |
| appointment shall be for a period as may be determined by | |

the Council or with like consent be permanently appointed to such staff, on such terms and conditions, including those relating to pension or provident fund rights, as may be agreed upon by the Council and such principal executive officer.

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(2) Where any person is temporarily appointed to the staff of the Agency under subsection (1) such person shall be subject to the same disciplinary control as any other member of the staff of the Agency.

5 PART IV

FINANCE

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| **18.** | (1) The Agency shall have its own Fund. | Fund of the |
| Agency. |

(2) There shall be credited to the Fund –

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| 10 | (*a*) | all such sums of money as may be voted by |
| Parliament, from time, for the use of the |

Agency;

(*b*) all such sums of money as may be received   
 by the Agency for the exercise, performance

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| 15 | and discharge of its powers, duties and functions and for the promotion of the objects |

of the Agency, by way of gifts, grants, loans   
donations and bequests from any source   
within or outside Sri Lanka subject to the   
provisions of the proviso to section 4(k);

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| 20 | (*c*) | all such sums of money as may be received |

by the Agency by way of fees, royalties or   
charges under this Act.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund all such sums of

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| 25 | money required to defray the expenditure incurred by the Agency in the exercise, performance and discharge of its |

powers, duties and functions under this Act.

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| 30 | **19.** | (1) The financial year of the Agency shall be the | Financial year |
| calendar year. | | and audit of |
| accounts of the |
| (2) The Agency shall cause proper books of accounts to | | Agency. |
| be kept of the income and expenditure, assets and liabilities | |

and all other financial transactions of the Agency.

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(3) The provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution relating to the audit of accounts of public corporations shall apply to the audit of accounts of the Agency.

PART V

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| 5 | GENERAL | | Annual |
| **20.** | (1) The Agency shall within six months of the end |
| of each financial year submit to the President an annual report | | Reports. |

on the activities carried out by the Agency. The following documents shall be attached to such report:-

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| 10 | (*a*) | the audited accounts of the Agency for the year |

along with the Auditor-General’s report;

(*b*) a report of proposed activities for the year   
 immediately following the year to which such report   
 and accounts relate; and

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| 15 | (*c*) | a report on the effectiveness of investment, policies |

and strategies on innovation and entrepreneurship.

(2) The President shall within three months from the date of receipt of the annual report,table such report along with

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| 20 | the documents specified in subsection (1) in Parliament for | | Declaration of |
| its consideration. | |
| **21.** | The Members of the Councils, and officers and |
| employees of the Agency shall before entering upon his | | secrecy. |

duties sign a declaration pledging himself to observe strict secrecy respecting all matters connected with the working 25 of the Agency and shall by such declaration pledge himself not to disclose any matter which may come to his knowledge in the discharge of his functions, except–

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| 30 | (*a*) | when required to do so by a court of law; or |
| (*b*) | in order to comply with any of the provisions of |
| this Act. |

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| 14 | *National Innovation Agency* | Directions of the President. |
| **22.** | The President may, from time to time, issue such |
| general or special directions to the Council relating to the | |

exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, functions and duties under this Act and it shall be the duty of the

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| 5 | Council to comply with such directions. | | Officers and |
| **23.** | All officers and Employees of the Agency shall be |
| 10 | deemed to be public servants within the meaning and for the | | employees of |
| the Agency |
| purposes of the Penal Code. | |
| deemed to be |
| public servants. |
| **24.** The Agency shall be deemed to be a scheduled | |
| Agency deemed |
| institution within the meaning of the Bribery Act and the | | to be a |
| scheduled |
| provisions of that Act shall accordingly apply. | |
| institution. |
| **25.** | (1) The Council may subject to the provisions of | Rules. |

this Act make rules in respect of any matter specified in subsection (2) of section 15 and generally for the 15 administration of the affairs of the Agency.

(2) Every rule made under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

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| **26.** | (1) The President may make regulations in respect | Regulations. |

of all matters which are required by this Act to be prescribed 20 or in respect of all matters for which regulations are required or authorized to be made under this Act.

(2) Every regulation made by the President under this section shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into operation upon such publication or on such later date as may 25 be specified in the regulation.

(3) Every Regulation madeby the President under this section shall within three months from its publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before Parliament for approval. Any regulation which is not so approved shall be deemed to be 30 rescinded from the date of such disapproval but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

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(4) Notice of the date from which a regulation is deemed to be rescinded shall be published in the *Gazette*.

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| **27.** | In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires– | Interpretation. |

“innovation” includes–

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| 5 | (*a*) | a novel technological model, utility |

model or industrial design;

(*b*) a product, process, service or idea   
 which is novel;

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| 10 | (*c*) | an improved use of a new product, |
| service or method in industry, |

business or society;

(*d*) indigenous or traditional knowledge   
 gained by people by making use of   
 natural resources, including plants,

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| 15 | (*e*) | animals and the environment; and |
| subject to the provisions of the |

Intellectual Property Act, No.36 of 2003, any other non-patentable creations or improvements which 20 may be deemed as deserving promotion and protection or *sui generis* intellectual property rights,

in the fields of social innovation, science 25 and technology innovation, defence innovation, eco innovation and service innovation, and “innovator” shall be construed accordingly;

“Minister” means, the Minister assigned the 30 National Innovation Agency under Article 43 or 44 of the Constitution;

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“National Innovation Ecosystem” means, the   
diverse nature of participants and resources   
including organizations, institutions and

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| 5 | people in the country that coexist and function as a unit which is necessary for |

innovation;

“Social Innovation Lab” means, a place that   
uses foresight and innovation tools to

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| 10 | prototype and test development solutions for social problems, through citizen-centric |

engagements to ensure they are agile

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| and | holistic | before | nation-wide |

implementation;

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| 15 | “Technology” means the application of knowledge to meet the goals, goods and |

services for sustainable development;

“Traditional knowledge” means, the wisdom developed over generations of holistic traditional scientific utilization of the 20 lands, natural resources, and environment;

“recognized University” means, a University   
established or deem to be established under   
the provisions of the Universities Act, No.   
16 of 1978 or any other written law.

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| 25 | **28.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text to |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | prevail in case |
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