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**PROHIBITION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS**

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**BILL**

**to prohibit the publication, distribution, sale, import and export of any matter, object or thing which is obscene; to repeal the Obscene Publications Ordinance (Chapter 30); and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto**

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L.D.-O. 21/2007   
AN ACTTOPROHIBITTHEPUBLICATION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, IMPORT

ANDEXPORTOFANYMATTER, OBJECTORTHINGWHICHISOBSCENE;

TOREPEALTHE OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 30);

ANDTOPROVIDEFORMATTERSCONNECTEDTHEREWITHORINCIDENTAL

THERETO.

BE it 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 Prohibition of Obscene | Short title |

Publications Act, No. of 2021.

5 PART I   
 APPLICATIONOFTHE ACT

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| **2.** | The provisions of this Act shall apply where– | Application |

of the Act (*a*) any act which constitutes an offence under this Act   
 takes place in Sri Lanka irrespective of whether the

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| 10 | (*b*) | person who commits such offence is in Sri Lanka or |
| not; |
| a person commits an offence under this Act in |

Sri Lanka, while in Sri Lanka; or

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| 15 | (*c*) | an offence under this Act, wherever committed, is |
| committed by a person who is a citizen of Sri Lanka. |

PART II   
OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS

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| 20 | **3.** | (1) A person shall not– | Publishing |
| (*a*) | publish, exhibit, let on hire, sell, offer for sale, | &c. of  obscene  matter, object |
| distribute or in any manner introduce into | or thing, an  offence |

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circulation through any medium of communication   
any matter, object or thing which is obscene;

(*b*) import, export, make, produce, print, transmit,   
 transport, possess or do any other act whatsoever

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| 5 | with regard to any matter, object or thing which is obscene, for any purpose set out in paragraph (*a*); |

or

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| 10 | (c) | advertise, or authorize or permit the introduction |
| into any medium of communication or any |
| advertisement, or make known by any other means |

whatsoever –

(i) that any matter, object or thing which is   
 obscene is available for procuration; or

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| 15 | (ii) | that the services of any person is available or |
| is required for use in any act which constitutes |

an offence under this Act.

(2) Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) commits an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court be liable to 20 imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding ten years or to a fine not less than twenty five thousand rupees or to both such imprisonment and fine and in the event of a second or subsequent conviction, to imprisonment

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| 25 | for a term which may extend to twenty years or to a fine not less than one hundred thousand rupees or to both such |

imprisonment and fine.

PART III

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONSINRELATIONTO CHILDREN

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| **4.** | (1) A person shall not – | Exposing |

&c. children

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| 30 | (*a*) | expose a child to, or make availableto a child any | to obscene |
| matter &c. an |
| matter, object or thing which is obscene; or |
| offence |

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(*b*) import, export, make, produce, print, transmit, transport or possess in any medium, or do any other act whatsoever with regard to any matter, object or thing which is obscene andwhich visually depicts 5 a child, a person appearing to be a child or realistic images representing a child, for any purpose set out in paragraph (*a*).

(2) Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) commits an offence and 10 shall, on conviction by the High Court be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term not less than five years and not exceeding ten years or a fine not less than two hundred thousand rupees or to both such imprisonment and fine and in the event of a second or subsequent 15 conviction, to imprisonment for a term not less thansix years and not exceeding twenty years and to a fine not less than five hundred thousand rupees.

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| **5.** | (1) A person shall not – | Publishing |

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| 20 | (*a*) | publish, exhibit, let on hire, sell, offer for sale, | matter &c. |
| which is |
| distribute or in any manner introduce into |
| obscene and |
| 25 | circulation through any medium of communication | visually |
| depicts a |
| any matter, object or thing which is obscene and |
| child |
| which visually depicts a child, a person appearing |
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| to be a child or realistic images representing a child, | sexually |
| explicit |
| engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or |
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offence (*b*) import, export, make, produce, print, transmit,   
 transport or possess in any medium of   
 communication or doany other act whatsoever with   
 regard to any matter, object or thing which is   
30 obscene and which visually depicts a child, a person   
 appearing to be a child or realistic images   
 representing a child, engaged in sexually explicit   
 conduct, for any purpose set out in paragraph (*a*).

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(2)Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) commits an offence and shall,on conviction by the High Court-

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| 5 | (*a*) | in the case of an offence under paragraph (*a*) of |
| subsection (1), be liable to imprisonment of either |

description for a term not less than three years and not exceeding twenty years or to a fine not less than three hundred thousand rupeesor to both such imprisonment and fine and in the event of a second 10 or subsequent conviction, to imprisonment for a term not less than three yearsand not exceeding twenty years and to a fine not less than five hundred thousand rupees; and

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| 15 | (*b*) | in the case of an offence under paragraph (*b*) of |
| subsection (1), be liable to imprisonment of either |

description for a term not less than two years and not exceeding ten years or to a fine not less than two hundred thousand rupees or to both such imprisonment and fine and in the event of a second 20 or subsequent conviction, to imprisonment for a term not less than two yearsand not exceeding twenty years and to a fine not less than five hundred thousand rupees.

PART IV

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| 25 | CHILD PORNOGRAPHYTHROUGHTHEUSEOF COMPUTER SYSTEMS | | Making |
| **6.** | (1) A person shall not – |

available

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| 30 | (*a*) | produce, make available, offer in any manner, | child |
| pornography |
| distribute, transmit or procure child pornography |
| through a |
| (*b*) | using a computer system, for oneself or for any other | computer, an |
| person; | offence |
| possess or retain child pornography in a computer |

or on a computer data storage medium;

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(*c*) expose a child to any obscene and sexually explicit   
 matter, object or thing by means of a computer; or

(*d*) obtain access through a computer system to child   
 pornography.

5 (2) Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) commits an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding ten years and to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees.

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| 10 | (3) (*a*) Any person who provides a service by means of a computer shall ensure that a child shall not have access to |

obscene and sexually explicit matter, object or thing by the use of such service.

(*b*) Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes

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| 15 | the provisions of this subsection commits an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either |

description for a term not exceeding ten years and to a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand rupees.

(*c*) It shall be a defence to a person charged with an offence 20 under this subsection to prove that such person had taken all reasonable precautions to prevent any child using such service, from having access to sexually explicit matter, object or thing.

(4) (*a*) A person shall not propose, through information 25 and communication technologies, to meet a child to engage in sexual activities or for the production of child pornography.

(*b*) Any person who, without lawful excuse contravenes the provisions of this subsection commits an offence and 30 shall, on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding ten years and to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees.

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(5)For the purposes of this section –

“child pornography” meansany matter, object or thing which is obscene and which visually depicts a child,

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| 5 | a person appearing to be a child or realistic images representing a child engaged in real or simulated |

sexually explicit conduct or any depiction of a   
child’s sexual organs for primarily sexual purposes;

“computer system” means any device or a group of interconnected or related devices, one or more of 10 which, performs, pursuant to a programme which is contained in such systems or device, the automatic processing of data;

“service” includes a service provided on a commercial

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| 15 | basis or by an educational institution or by any public place where children may have access to a |

computer; and

“storage medium” means any electronic or similar device from which information is capable of being accessed

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| 20 | and retrieved with or without the aid of any other article or device. |

PART V

INVESTIGATION

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| 25 | **7.** | Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all offences | Investigation |
| under this Act shall be investigated, tried or otherwise dealt | |
| with in accordance with the provisions of the Code of | |

Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.

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| 30 | **8.** | (1) The Minister may by Order published in the | Experts and |
| *Gazette* appoint a person or body of persons having such | | their powers |
| qualifications and experience in the field of information | | and functions |
| technology as specified in subsection (2) (hereinafter referred | |

to as the “expert”), to assist any police officer in any investigation into an offence under this Act.

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(2) The qualifications and experience in the field of information technology, of an expert referred to in subsection (1)and the manner and mode of appointment and the conditions of appointment of such expert shall be as 5 specified by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette.*

(3) For the purpose of an investigation under this Act, an expert called upon to assist any police officer in any investigation shall, under the authority of the police officer, have the power to –

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| 10 | (*a*) | enter any premises along with a police officer not |

below the rank of a Sub-Inspector of Police;

(*b*) access any information system, computer or computer system or any programme, data or information held in such computer and to cause 15 any computer to perform any function or to do any such other thing;

(*c*) require any person to produce any document,   
 information, device or other thing as is necessary   
 for the purpose of such investigation;

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| 20 | (*d*) | require any person to disclose any traffic data; and |
| (*e*) | orally examine any person. |

(4) The expert shall be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the Minister in consultation with the Minister assigned the subject of Finance.

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| 25 | (5) An expert appointed under this section may be called upon to assist any police officer in the investigation of an |

offence under this Act and it shall be the duty of such expert to render all such assistance as may be required for the purposes of such investigation.

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(6) Where any proceedings have been commenced consequent to the findings of an investigation of an offence under this Act, it shall be the duty of the expert -

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| 5 | (*a*) | to give evidence in such proceedings, if called upon |
| (*b*) | to do so; and |
| to make available any information, data, material |

or other matter that may be obtained by him in the   
course of such investigation for the purposes of   
such proceedings.

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| 10 | **9.** | (1) Any person who is required by an expert or a | Duty to assist |
| police officer to make any disclosure in relation to an | | investigation |

investigation under this Act or to co-operate in an investigation under this Act, shall comply with such requirement.

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| 15 | (2) A person who obstructs the lawful exercise of the powers conferred on an expert or a police officer or fails to |

comply with such request made by such expert or police officer during an investigation commits an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either description 20 for a period not less than one year and not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand rupees or both such imprisonment and fine.

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| **10.** | (1) A certified copy of any entry relating to an | Evidence |

offence committed in Sri Lanka or outside Sri Lanka which

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| 25 | falls within the scope of this Act, shall be admissible in evidence in relation to a prosecution in respect of an offence |

under this Act, and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein.

(2) Every document, record, register or extract thereof, if 30 duly signed and issued by an expert and duly authenticated by the person to whose interests such document, record or register or extract thereof relates, shall be *prima facie* proof of the facts stated therein.

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(3) In any prosecution under this Act, any document duly signed and certified by the expert or a police officer, as the case may be, shall be admissible in evidence and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts statedtherein.

5 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Evidence Ordinance (Chapter 14) or any other writtenlaw, the provisions of this section shall have effect and apply to the prosecution of an offence under this Act.

(5) For the purposes of this section-

10 “a certified copy” means, a copy of the entry with a certificate written at the foot of such copy by the person to whose interests such document, certificate, record or register or extract thereof relates, certifying it as a true copy, and where such an entry is stored 15 by electronic, magnetic, optical or any other means in an information system or computer, a print out of such entry certified as a true copy by such person to whose interests such document, certificate, record or register or extract thereof relates; and

20 “document” includes a certificate, declaration, information, data, report or any other similar document.

PART VI

GENERAL

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| 25 | **11.** | Where an offence under this Act is committed by a | Offences by |
| body of persons then – | | bodies of |
| persons |
| (*a*) | if that body of persons is a body corporate, every |

director and officer of that body corporate; or

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| 10 | (*b*) | *Prohibition of Obscene Publications* |
| if that body of persons is a firm, every partner of |

that firm,

shall be deemed to commit that offence:

Provided that a director or an officer of such body 5 corporate or a partner of such firm shall not be deemed to commit such offence, if such director, officer or partner proves that such offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all such diligence as is necessary to prevent the commission of such offence.

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| 10 | **12.** | Where any person is convicted of an offence under | Compensation |

this Act and the obscene matter, object or thing in respect of which the person was convicted visually depicts a child, the court shall, where the identity of such child could be ascertained, make order for the payment of compensation to 15 such child in addition to any compensation paid under any other written law and any other punishment that may be imposed under this Act.

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| **13**. | Any person who has the possession, control or | Presumptions |

custody of –

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| 20 | (*a*) | a document, certificate, record or register or extract |

thereof, whether in electronic format or not, relating   
to an offence committed under this Act;

(*b*) all property including pictorials seized by the   
 police officer during the course of investigations;

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| 25 | (*c*) | or |
| any equipment used in the commission of the |

offences specified above,

shall be presumed until the contrary is proved, to have used such document, certificate, record, register or extract thereof 30 or property or equipment, in connection with, or for the purpose of committing an offence under this Act.

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| **14.** | *Prohibition of Obscene Publications* | 11 | Property |
| Unless the Court otherwise directs, all property | |

including monies seized by the police officer during the course of investigations shall be returned to the person who establishes his lawful right to such property.

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| 5 | **15.** | Notwithstanding anything contained in the | Interpretation |
| 10 | Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977, an offence in terms of this | | in relation to |
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| Act shall, for the purpose only of extradition under that law, | |
| Extradition |
| be deemed not to be a fiscal offence or an offence of a | |
| Law |
| political character or an offence connected with a political | |
| offence or an offence inspired by political motives. | |
| 15 | **16.** | Where a request is made to the Government of | Duty of |
| Sri Lanka by or on behalf of the Government of another | | Minister to |
| notify the |
| country for the extradition of any person accused or | |
| requesting |
| convicted of an offence under this Act, the Minister assigned | |
| State |
| the subject of Foreign Affairs shall, on behalf of the | |

Government of Sri Lanka forthwith notify the Government of the requesting State of the measures which the Government of Sri Lanka has taken or proposes to take for the prosecution or extradition of that person for that offence.

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| 20 | **17.** | The provisions of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal | Assistance to |
| Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 shall, wherever it is necessary | | countries and |
| for the investigation and prosecution of an offence under | | organizations |

this Act, be applicable in respect of providing assistance between the Government of Sri Lanka and any specified

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| 25 | country or specified organization declared by an Order made | | Rights of |
| by the Minister under section 2 of the aforesaid Act. | |
| **18.** | (1) Where a person who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka |
| 30 | is arrested for an offence under this Act, such person shall be | | persons |
| entitled– | | arrested |
| under this |
| (*a*) | to communicate without delay with the nearest | Act |

appropriate representative of the State of which he   
is a national or which is otherwise entitled to protect   
his rights or if he is a stateless person, with the

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| 35 | nearest appropriate representative of the State in the territory where he was habitually resident; and |

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| 12 | (*b*) | *Prohibition of Obscene Publications* |
| to be visited by a representative of that State. |

(2) A request under section 16 shall be deemed not to be invalidated for the purposes of any legal proceedings by reason of any failure to comply with the provisions of section 5 17, provided that there is sufficient compliance with those provisions to enable such request to be properly executed.

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| 10 | **19.** | (1) Where a person is arrested for an offence under | Duty of |
| this Act, the Minister to whom the administration of this Act | | Minister to |
| inform other |
| is assigned shall inform the Minister assigned the subject of | |
| States having |
| Foreign Affairs to inform the relevant authorities in any other | |
| jurisdiction |
| State which has made a request under section 16 in respect | | over an |
| of such person, of the measures which the Government of | | offence |

Sri Lanka has taken or proposes to take for the prosecution or extradition of that person.

15 (2) Where it is decided that no order shall be made under the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977, for the extradition of any person accused or convicted of an offence corresponding to an offence under this Act, pursuant to a request for his

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| 20 | extradition made under that Law, by the Government of any State, the case shall be submitted to the law enforcement |

authorities, so that prosecution for the offence under the law of Sri Lanka or any other appropriate action may be considered.

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| 25 | **20.** | Where there is an extradition arrangement in force | Provision |
| between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government | | regarding |
| extradition |
| of any other State, such arrangement shall be deemed, for | |
| arrangement |
| the purposes of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977, to include | |

provision for extradition in respect of an offence under this Act and of attempting or conspiring to commit or aiding and

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| 30 | abetting the commission of such offence. | | Duty of |
| **21.** | The Government of Sri Lanka shall afford such |
| assistance (including the supply of any relevant evidence at | | Government |
| its disposal) to the relevant authorities of any foreign State | | to afford |
| assistance to |
| as may be necessary in connection with criminal proceedings | |
| other States |

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instituted in that State against any person, in respect of an offence under the law of that State corresponding to an offence under this Act.

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| 5 | **22.** | Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the | High Court |
| Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978, every offence under this Act | | to have the |
| jurisdiction |
| shall be triable by the High Court of the Western Province | |

established under Article 154P of the Constitution, holden in Colombo.

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| 10 | **23.** | (1) Any expert or police officer shall not be liable | Protection |
| in any suit or other legal proceedings for any act done or | | from law |
| suits |
| purporting to be done, in good faith in pursuance of the | |

powers conferred by or under this Act or for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(2) Any expenses incurred by the expert or police officer

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| 15 | in any suit orother legal proceedingsbrought against him in court in respect of any act which is done or purported to be |

done by him under this Act, shall, if the court holds that the act was done in good faith, be paid by the person who alleges any wrongful conduct against such expert or police officer,

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| 20 | unless such expense is recovered by him in such suit or | | Punishment |
| other legal proceedings. | |
| **24.** | Any person who uses a child for the commission of |
| 25 | an offence under section 3 of this Act commits an offence | | for offence |
| involving |
| and shall, upon conviction be liable to imprisonment of | |
| children |
| either description for a term not less than two years and not | |

exceeding ten years or to a fine not less than two hundred thousand rupees and not exceeding one million rupees or to both such imprisonment and fine and in the event of a second or subsequent conviction, to imprisonment for a term not 30 less than two years and to a fine not less than three hundred thousand rupees and not exceeding five million rupees.

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| **25.** | Where a child is found guilty of an offence under | Lesser  punishment for child  offenders |
| this Act, the Court may, impose a lesser punishment than provided for herein. | |

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| 14 | *Prohibition of Obscene Publications* | Attempt to  commit an  offence |
| **26.** | Any person who attempts to commit an offence |
| under this Act commits an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court be liable to imprisonment of either | |

description for a term not exceeding one half of the maximum

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| 5 | term provided for each such offence or to a fine not less than one half of the minimum fineprovided for such offence or to |

both such imprisonment and fine.

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| 10 | **27.** | (1) Any person who abets the commission of an | Abetment of |
| offence under this Act commits the offence of abetment and | | offence, an |
| offence |
| shall, on conviction by the High Court – | |
| (*a*) | if the offence abetted is committed in consequence |

of the abetment, be liable to the same punishment   
as is provided for the offence; and

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| 15 | (*b*) | if the offence is not committed in consequence of |
| the abetment, be liable to imprisonment of either |

description for a term not exceeding one fourth of   
the maximum term provided for the offence or to a   
fine not less than one fourth of the minimum fine   
provided for the offence or to both such

20 imprisonment and fine.

(2) The term “abet” shall have the same meaning as in sections 100 and 101 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) and the provisions of section 101A, 103, 104, 105, 106 and 107

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| 25 | of the Penal Code shall *mutatis mutandis* apply in relation | | Conspiring to |
| to the abetment of any offence under this Act. | |
| **28.** | (1) Any person who conspires to commit an offence |
| under this Act commits an offence and shall, on conviction | | commit an |
| by the High Court be liable to be punished with the | | offence |

punishment prescribed for abetting the commission of that 30 offence.

(2) The term “conspire” shall have the same meaning as in subsection (2) of section 113A of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) and the provisions of that section shall *mutatis mutandis* apply in relation to conspiracy to commit any offence under this Act.

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| **29.** | *Prohibition of Obscene Publications* | 15 | Offences |
| Every offence under this Act shall be – |

under this

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| 5 | (*a*) | a cognizable offence within the meaning of and for | Act to be |
| cognizable |
| (*b*) | the purposes of the Code of Criminal Procedure |
| and non- |
| Act, No. 15 of 1979; and |
| bailable |
| a non-bailable offence within the meaning of the |

Bail Act, No. 30 of 1997.

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| 10 | **30.** | (1) Upon the conclusion of the trial of any person | Orders for |
| for an offence under this Act and whether such person has | | destruction |
| &c. of |
| been convicted or not, the court shall, if it is of opinion that | |
| obscene |
| the matter, object or thing which constitutes the subject | |
| matter |
| matter of the offence is obscene, make order for the | |

destruction of such matter, object or thing in such manner as it considers fit.

(2) Upon the conviction of any person for an offence 15 under this Act, the Court shall make order for the forfeiture to the State of any movable property used in the commission of such offence, subject to any claim of a person who may have a *bona fide* interest in such property.

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| 20 | **31.** | The Obscene Publications Ordinance (Chapter 30) | Repeal of |
| is hereby repealed. | | Obscene |
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Ordinance

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| **32.** | In this Act – | Interpretation |

“child” means, a person under eighteen years of age;

“matter, object or thing” includes any writing, drawing, print, painting, printed matter, picture, poster, 25 emblem, photograph, cinematograph film, film or any data in any medium; and

“obscene” includes any matter, object or thing which, by itself or where it comprises more than one distinct

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component each such component taken by itself, sufficient to deprave and corrupt the mind of a reasonable person, but does not include any matter, object or thing containing anything done in the 5 interest of science, literature, art, education or learning.

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| **33.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text  to prevail in case of  inconsistency |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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