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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE CONSTITUTIONOFTHE DEMOCRATIC   
SOCIALIST REPUBLICOF SRI LANKA

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 Twenty Second  Amendment to the Constitution. | | Short title |
| **2.**  Chapter VIIA of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (in this Act referred to as the“Constitution”) is hereby repealed and the following Chapter is substituted therefor:- | | Replacement of Chapter  VIIA of the  Constitution of the  Democratic Socialist  Republic of Sri Lanka |
| 10 | “CHAPTER VIIA | |
| THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL | |
| 15 | Constitution of the  Constitutional Council | 41A. (1) There shall be a Constitutional Council (in this Chapter referred to as the“Council”) which shall consist of the following members:– |
| (*a*) the Prime Minister; | |

(*b*) the Speaker;

(*c*) the Leader of the Opposition in   
 Parliament;

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| 20 | (*d*) one Member of Parliament appointed by the President; |

(*e*) five persons appointed by the President,   
upon being nominated as follows:-

(i) one Member of Parliament   
nominated by agreement of the

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majority of the Members of   
Parliament representing the   
Government;

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| 5  10  15  20  25  30 | (ii) one Member of Parliament nominated by agreement of the majority of the Members of Parliament of the political party or independent group to which the Leader of the Opposition belongs; and  (iii) three persons nominated by the Speaker in consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition by agreement of the majority of Members of Parliament;  (*f*) one Member of Parliament nominated by agreement of the Members of Parliament other than those representing the Government and those belonging to the political party or independent group to which the Leader of the Opposition belongs, and appointed by the President.  (2) The Speaker shall be the Chairman of the Council.  (3) It shall be the duty of the Speaker to ensure that nominations for appointments under sub-paragraph (*e*) or sub-paragraph (*f*) of paragraph (1) are made, whenever an occasion for such nominations arises. |

(4) In nominating the five persons referred   
to in sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (1), the   
Members of Parliament shall ensure that the

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Council reflects the pluralistic character of Sri   
Lankan society, including professional and   
social diversity.

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| 5  10  15  20  25  30  35 | (5) The persons who are not Members of Parliament to be appointed under sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (1) shall be persons of eminence and integrity who have distinguished themselves in public or professional life and who are not members of any political party whose nomination shall be approved by Parliament.  (6) The President shall, within fourteen days of the receipt of a written communication specifying the nominations made under sub-paragraphs (*e*) and (*f*) of paragraph (1), make the necessary appointments. In the event of the President failing to make the necessary appointments within such period of fourteen days, the persons nominated shall be deemed to have been appointed as members of the Council, with effect from the date of expiry of such period.  (7) (*a*) On the dissolution of Parliament, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 64, the Speaker shall continue to hold office as a member of the Council, until a Member of Parliament is elected to be the Speaker under paragraph (1) of the aforesaid Article.  (*b*) Notwithstanding the dissolution of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Members of Parliament who are members of the Council, shall continue to hold office as Members of such Council, until such time after a General Election |

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| following such dissolution, a Member of |
| Parliament is appointed as the Prime Minister |
| or recognized as the Leader of the Opposition |
| or such number of Members of Parliament are |
| appointed as Members of the Council under |
| sub-paragraphs (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of paragraph (1), |
| 10 | as the case may be. |
| (8) (*a*) The member of the Council appointed |
| under sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1), shall |
| hold office for a period of three years from the |
| date of appointment unless the member earlier |
| resigns his office by writing addressed to the |
| Presidentoris removed from office by the |
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| President. |
| (*b*) Every member of the Council appointed |
| under sub-paragraphs (*e*) and (*f*) of paragraph |
| (1) shall hold office for a period of three years |
| 20 | from the date of appointment unless the |
| member earlier resigns his office by writing |
| addressed to the President or is removed from |
| 25 | office by the President on a resolution passed |
| by the majority of the Members of Parliament |
| (including those not present) voting in its |
| favour on the grounds of physical or mental incapacity and is unable to function further in office or is convicted by a court of law for any offence involving moral turpitude or if a resolution for the imposition of civic disability upon him has been passed in terms of Article 81 of the Constitution or is deemed to have vacated his office under paragraph (7) of Article 41E. |
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| 35 | (9) In the event of there being a vacancy among the members appointed under sub-paragraph (*d*), (*e*) or (*f*) of paragraph (1), the President shall, within fourteen days of the |

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| occurrence of such vacancy and having regard to the provisions of the aforementioned sub-paragraphs, appoint another person to succeed such member. Any person so appointed, shall hold office during the unexpired part of the period of office of the member whom he succeeds.  (10) A member appointed under sub-paragraph (*d*), (*e*) or (*f*) of paragraph (1), shall not be eligible for re-appointment. | |

(11) The appointments made by the   
President under sub-paragraphs (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*)   
of paragraph (1), shall be communicated to the   
Speaker.

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| 15 | Council to  recommend  appointments | 41B. (1) No person shall be appointed by |
| 20 | the President as the Chairman or a member of |
| any of the Commissions specified in the |
| Schedule to this Article, except on a |
| recommendation of the Council. |
| (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this |
| 25 | Article shall apply in respect of any person |
| appointed to act as the Chairman or as a |
| member of any such Commission. |
| (3) It shall be the duty of the Council to |
| recommend to the President fit and proper |
| 30 | persons for appointment as Chairmen or |
| members of the Commissions specified in the |
| Schedule to this Article, whenever the occasion |
| for such appointments arises, and such |
| recommendations shall endeavour to ensure |
| that such recommendations reflect the |
| pluralistic character of Sri Lankan society, |
| including gender. In the case of the Chairmen |

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of such Commissions, the Council shall   
recommend three persons for appointment, and   
the President shall appoint one of the persons   
recommended as Chairman.

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| 5  10  15  20  25  30 | (4) The President shall appoint the Chairmen and the members of the Commissions specified in the Schedule to this Article, within | | | | |
| fourteen | days | of | receiving | the |
| recommendations of the Council for such appointments. In the event of the President failing to make the necessary appointments within such period of fourteen days–  (*a*) the persons recommended under paragraph (3), to be appointed as members of a Commission, shall be deemed to have been appointed as the members of the Commissions; and  (*b*) the person whose name appears first in the list of names recommended under paragraph (3), to be appointed as the Chairman of a Commission, shall be deemed to have been appointed the Chairman of the respective Commission,  with effect from the date of expiry of such period.  (5) No person appointed under paragraph (1) or a person appointed to act as the Chairman or a member of any such Commission, shall be removed except as provided for in the Constitution or in any written law, and where there is no such provision, such person shall be removed by the President only with the prior approval of the Council. | | | | |

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(6) All the Commissions referred to in the   
Schedule to this Article, other than the Election   
Commission, shall be responsible and   
answerable to Parliament.

5 SCHEDULE   
 (*a*) The Election Commission.

(*b*) The Public Service Commission.

(*c*) The National Police Commission.

(*d*) The Audit Service Commission.

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| 10 | (*e*) The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka. |

(*f*) The Commission to Investigate   
 Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(*g*) The Finance Commission.

15 (*h*) The Delimitation Commission.   
 (*i*) The National Procurement Commission.

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| 20 | Council to | 41C. (1) No person shall be appointed by the President to any of the Offices specified in the Schedule to this Article, unless such appointment has been approved by the Council upon a recommendation made to the Council by the President. |
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| appointments |
| 25 | (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply in respect of any person appointed to act for a period exceeding fourteen days, in any Office specified in the Schedule to this Article: |

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| Provided that no person shall be appointed |
| to act in any such office for successive periods |
| not exceeding fourteen days, unless such |
| acting appointment has been approved by the |
| Council on a recommendation by the President. |
| 10 | (3) No person appointed to any Office |
| specified in the Schedule to this Article or to |
| act in any such Office, shall be removed from |
| such Office except as provided for in the |
| Constitution or in any law. |
| 15 | (4) In the discharge of its function relating |
| to the appointment of Judges of the Supreme |
| Court and the President and Judges of the Court |
| of Appeal, the Council shall obtain the views |
| of the Chief Justice. |

SCHEDULE   
 PART I   
(*a*) The Chief Justice and the Judges of the   
 Supreme Court.

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| 20 | (*b*) The President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal. |

(*c*) The Members of the Judicial Service   
 Commission, other than the Chairman.

PART II   
25 (*a*) The Attorney-General.   
 (*b*) The Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

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(*c*) The Auditor-General.

(*d*) The Inspector-General of Police.

(*e*) The Parliamentary Commissioner for   
 Administration (Ombudsman).

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| 5 | Secretary- | (*f*) The Secretary-General of Parliament. |
| 10 | 41D. (1) There shall be a Secretary-General |
| General and | to the Council who shall be appointed by the |
| other officers |
| Council for a term of three years. Upon the |
| of the |
| expiration of his term of office, the Secretary- |
| Council |
| General shall be eligible for reappointment. |

(2) The Council may appoint such officers   
as it considers necessary for the discharge of   
its functions, on such terms and conditions as   
may be determined by the Council.

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| 15 | Meetings of | 41E. (1) The Council shall meet at least twice |
| 20 | the Council | every month, and as often as may be necessary |
| to discharge the functions assigned to the |
| Council by the provisions of this Chapter or |
| by any law, and such meetings shall be |
| summoned by the Secretary-General to the |
| Council on the direction of the Chairman of |
| 25 | the Council. |
| (2) The Chairman shall preside at all |
| meetings of the Council and in the absence of |
| the Chairman, the Prime Minister, and in the |
| absence of the Prime Minister, the Leader of |
| the Opposition shall preside at the meetings of |
| the Council. |
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| (3) The quorum for any meeting of the |
| Council shall be five members. |

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| (4) The Council shall endeavour to make |
| every recommendation, approval or decision |
| it is required to make by unanimous decision |
| and in the absence of a unanimous decision, |
| no recommendation, approval or decision made |
| by the Council shall be valid, unless supported |
| 10 | by not less than five members of the Council |
| present at such meeting. |
| (5) The Chairman or the other member |
| presiding shall not have an original vote, but |
| 15 | in the event of an equality of votes on any |
| question for decision at any meeting of the |
| Council, the Chairman or other member |
| presiding at such meeting, shall have a casting |
| vote. |
| 20 | (6) The procedure in regard to meetings of |
| the Council and the transaction of business at |
| such meetings shall be determined by the |
| Council, including procedures to be followed |
| in regard to the recommendation or approval |
| of persons suitable for any appointment under |
| 25 | Article 41B or Article 41C. |
| (7) Any member of the Council appointed |
| under sub-paragraph (*d*), (*e*) or (*f*) of paragraph |
| (1) of Article 41A, who without obtaining prior |
| leave of the Council absents himself from three |
| consecutive meetings of the Council, shall be |
| deemed to have vacated office with effect from |
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| the date of the third of such meetings. |
| (8) The Council shall have the power to act |
| notwithstanding the fact that it has not been |
| fully constituted or that there is a vacancy in |
| its membership. No act, proceeding or decision |

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| of the Council carried out or made by the majority vote of the members shall be or deemed to be invalid by reason only of the fact that the Council has not been fully constituted or that there has been a vacancy in its membership or that there has been any defect in the appointment of a member. | | |
| Continuation in office of  the members of the  Council | 41F. Notwithstanding the expiration of the term of office of the members of the Council or of the members of any Commission specified in the Schedule to Article 41B, the members of the Council or of such other Commission shall | |
| continue in office until the assumption of office by the new members of the Council or of such other Commission. | | |
| Powers and duties of the Council | 41G. (1) The Council shall, once in every three months, submit to the President and Parliament a report of its activities during the | |
| preceding three months.  (2) The Council shall perform and discharge such other duties and functions as may be imposed or assigned to the Council by the Constitution, or by any other written law.  (3) The Council shall have the power to make rules relating to the performance and discharge of its duties and functions. All such rules shall be published in the *Gazette* and be placed before Parliament within three months of such publication. | | |
| Expenses to be charged on the | 41H. The expenses incurred by the Council shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund. | |
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| Finality of  decisions of the Council | | 41J. Subject to the provisions of Article 126, no court shall have the power or jurisdiction to entertain, hear or decide or call in question, on |
| any ground whatsoever, or in any manner | | |
| whatsoever, any decision of the Council or any | | |
| 10 | approval or recommendation made by the | | |
| Council, which decision, approval or | | |
| recommendation shall be final and conclusive | | |
| for all purposes.”. | | |
| **3.** | Chapter VIII of the Constitution is hereby repealed | |
| and the following Chapter is substituted therefor:- | | | of Chapter |
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| 15 | Responsibility | 42. The President shall be responsible to |
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| Parliament for the due exercise, performance |
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| and discharge of his powers, duties and |
| 20 | Prime | functions under the Constitution and any |
| written law, including the law for the time being |
| relating to public security. |
| 43. (1) There shall be a Cabinet of Ministers |
| 25 | Minister and | charged with the direction and control of the |
| the Cabinet |
| Government of the Republic. |
| of Ministers |
| (2) The Cabinet of Ministers shall be |
| collectively responsible and answerable to |
| Parliament. |

(3) The President shall be a member of the   
Cabinet of Ministers and shall be the Head of   
the Cabinet of Ministers.

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(4) The President shall appoint as Prime   
Minister the Member of Parliament, who, in   
the President’s opinion, is most likely to   
command the confidence of Parliament.

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| 5 | Ministers and their subjects and functions | 44. (1) The President shall, in consultation |
| 10 | with the Prime Minister, where he considers |
| such consultation to be necessary, determine |
| the number of Ministers of the Cabinet of |
| Ministers and the Ministries and the |
| assignment of subjects and functions to such |
| Ministers. |
| 15 | (2) The President shall, on the advice of the |
| Prime Minister, appoint from among Members |
| of Parliament, Ministers, to be in charge of the |
| Ministries so determined. |
| 20 | (3) The President shall be the Minister in |
| charge of the subject of Defence and may |
| exercise, perform and discharge the powers, |
| duties and functions of any Minister of the |
| Cabinet of Ministers or any Minister who is |
| not a member of the Cabinet of Ministers, |
| 25 | subject to the provisions of the Constitution, |
| for not exceeding fourteen days during a period within which any subject or function is not assigned to any such Minister under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article or under paragraph (1) of Article 45 and accordingly, any reference in the Constitution or any written law to the Minister to whom such subject or function is assigned, shall be read and construed as a reference to the President: |
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| 35 | Provided however, preceding provisions of this paragraph shall not preclude the President from assigning any subject or function to |

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| himself on the advice of the Prime Minister and accordingly, any reference in the Constitution or any written law to the Minister to whom such subject or function is assigned, shall be read and construed as a reference to the President.  (4) The President may at any time change the assignment of subjects and functions and the composition of the Cabinet of Ministers. Such changes shall not affect the continuity of the Cabinet of Ministers and the continuity of its responsibility to Parliament. | | |
| Ministers  who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers | | 45. (1) The President may, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoint from among Members of Parliament, Ministers who shall not be members of the Cabinet of Ministers. |
| (2) The President may, in consultation with the Prime Minister where he considers such consultation to be necessary, determine the assignment of subjects and functions to Ministers appointed under paragraph (1) of this Article and the Ministries, if any, which are to be in charge of, such Ministers.  (3) The President may at any time change any assignment made under paragraph (2). | | |

(4) Every Minister appointed under   
paragraph (1) shall be responsible to the   
Cabinet of Ministers and to Parliament.

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| 30 | (5) Any Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers may, by Notification published in the *Gazette,* delegate to any Minister who is not a member of the Cabinet of Ministers, any power or duty pertaining to any subject or function assigned |

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| to such Cabinet Minister, or any power or duty conferred or imposed on him by any written law, and it shall be lawful for such other Minister to exercise and perform any power or duty delegated notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the written law by which that power or duty is conferred or imposed on such Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers. | | |
| Deputy  Ministers | 46. (1) The President may, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoint from among | |
| Members of Parliament, Deputy Ministers to assist Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers in the performance of their duties.  (2) Any Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers may, by Notification published in the *Gazette*, delegate to his Deputy Minister, any power or duty pertaining to any subject or function assigned to him or any power or duty conferred or imposed on him by any written law, and it shall be lawful for such Deputy Minister to exercise and perform any power or duty delegated notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the written law by which that power or duty is conferred or imposed on such Minister. | | |
| Tenure of  office of the Prime  Minister, and the limitation of numbers  and tenure of office of  Ministers and Deputy  Ministers | 47. (1) The total number of–  (*a*) Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed thirty; and   (*b*) Ministers who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers and Deputy Ministers shall not, in | |
| the aggregate, exceed forty. | | |

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| (2) The Prime Minister shall continue to |
| hold office throughout the period during which |
| the Cabinet of Ministers continues to function |
| under the provisions of the Constitution unless |
| he– |

(*a*) resigns his office by a writing under his   
hand addressed to the President; or

(*b*) ceases to be a Member of Parliament.

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| 10  15 | (3) A Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers, a Minister who is not a member of the Cabinet of Ministers and a Deputy Minister, shall continue to hold office throughout the period during which the Cabinet of Ministers continues to function under the provisions of the Constitution unless he– |

(*a*) is removed from office under the hand   
of the President on the advice of the   
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| 20 | (*b*) resigns from office by a writing under his hand addressed to the President; or |

(*c*) ceases to be a Member of Parliament.

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| 25  30 | (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (1) of this Article, where the recognized political party or the independent group which obtains highest number of seats in Parliament forms a National Government, the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers, the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet of Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall be determined by Parliament. |

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| (5) For the purpose of paragraph (4), National Government means, a Government formed by the recognized political party or the independent group which obtains the highest number of seats in Parliament together with the other recognized political parties or the independent groups. | | |
| Cabinet of  Ministers  after  dissolution of Parliament | 48. (1) The Cabinet of Ministers functioning immediately prior to the dissolution of Parliament shall, notwithstanding such dissolution, continue to function and shall cease to function upon the conclusion of the | |
| General Election and accordingly, the Prime Minister and the Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, shall continue to function unless they cease to hold office as provided in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) or sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (3) of Article 47 and shall comply with the criteria set out by the Commissioner-General of Elections and shall not cause any undue influence on the General Election.  (2) Notwithstanding the death, removal from office or resignation of the Prime Minister, during the period intervening between the dissolution of Parliament and the conclusion of the General Election, the Cabinet of Ministers shall continue to function with the other Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers as its members, until the conclusion of the General Election. The President may appoint one such Minister to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of the Prime Minister.  (3) On the death, removal from office or resignation, during the period intervening | | |

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| between the dissolution of Parliament and the conclusion of the General Election, of a Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers, the President may, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoint any other Minister to be the Minister in charge of the Ministry of such Minister or to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of such Minister. | | |
| Dissolution of the  Cabinet of Ministers | | 49. (1) On the Prime Minister ceasing to hold office by death, resignation or otherwise, except during the period intervening between the dissolution of Parliament and the |
| conclusion of the General Election, the Cabinet of Ministers shall, unless the President has in the exercise of his powers under Article 70, dissolved Parliament, stand dissolved and the President shall appoint a Prime Minister, Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, Ministers who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers and Deputy Ministers in terms of Articles 43, 44, 45 and 46:  Provided that if after the Prime Minister so ceases to hold office, Parliament is dissolved, the Cabinet of Ministers shall continue to function with the other Ministers of the Cabinet as its members, until the conclusion of the General Election. The President may appoint one such Minister to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of the Prime Minister, and the provisions of Article 48 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.  (2) If Parliament rejects the Statement of Government Policy or the Appropriation Bill or passes a vote of no-confidence in the Government, the Cabinet of Ministers shall | | |

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| stand dissolved, and the President shall, unless he has in the exercise of his powers under Article 70, dissolved Parliament, appoint a Prime Minister, Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, Ministers who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers and Deputy Ministers in terms of Articles 43, 44, 45 and 46. | | |
| Acting  Ministers and Deputy  Ministers | 50. Whenever a Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers, a Minister who is not a member of the Cabinet of Ministers or a Deputy Minister is unable to discharge the functions of his | |
| office, the President may, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoint any Member of Parliament to act in the place of such Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister who is not a member of the Cabinet of Ministers or a Deputy Minister. | | |
| Secretary to the Prime  Minister and Secretary to the Cabinet  of Ministers | 51. (1) (*a*) There shall be a Secretary to the Prime Minister who shall be appointed by the President.  (*b*) The Secretary shall have charge of the | |
| office of the Prime Minister and shall perform and discharge the duties and functions of his office, subject to the directions of the Prime Minister. | | |

(2) (*a*) There shall be a Secretary to the   
Cabinet of Ministers who shall be appointed   
by the President.

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| 30 | (*b*) The Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the President, have charge of the office of the Cabinet of Ministers, and shall discharge and perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Cabinet of Ministers. |

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| Secretaries to Ministries | | 52. (1) There shall be a Secretary for every Ministry of a Minister of the Cabinet of |
| Ministers, who shall be appointed by the President.  (2) The Secretary to a Ministry shall, subject to the direction and control of his Minister, exercise supervision over the departments of government and other institutions in charge of the Minister.  (3) Notwithstanding the dissolution of the Cabinet of Ministers under the provisions of the Constitution, the Secretary to a Ministry shall continue to hold office until a new Secretary is appointed to such Ministry, in terms of the provisions of the Constitution:  Provided however, the Secretary to a Ministry shall cease to hold office upon a determination by the President under Article 44 or 45 which results in such Ministry ceasing to exist.  (4) For the purposes of this Article, the office of the Secretary to the President, the office of the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers, the office of the Auditor-General, the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), the office of the Secretary-General of Parliament, the Constitutional Council, and the Commissions referred to in the Schedule to Article 41B shall be deemed not to be departments of Government. | | |
| Official oath or  affirmation | | 53. A person appointed to any office referred to in this Chapter shall not enter upon the duties of his office until such person takes |

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and subscribes the oath or makes and   
subscribes the affirmations set out in the Fourth   
Schedule and Seventh Schedule.”.

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| 5 | **4.**  Article 54 of the Constitution is hereby amended as  follows:- | Amendment of Article 54 of the  Constitution |
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| (1) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that Article and |
| the substitution therefor of the following |
| paragraph:- |
| “(1) There shall be a Public Service Commission |
| (in this Chapter referred to as the “Commission”) |
| 15 | which shall consist of nine members appointed by |
| the President on the recommendation of the |
| Constitutional Council, of whom not less than three |
| members shall be persons who have had over fifteen |
| years experience as a public officer. The President |
| on the recommendation of the Constitutional |
| 20 | Council shall appoint one member as its |
| Chairman.”; |
| (2) by the repeal of paragraph (4) of that Article and |
| the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- |
| 25 | “(4) Every member of the Commission shall hold |
| office for a period of three years from the date of |
| appointment, unless the member becomes subject |
| to any disqualification under paragraph (2) or |
| earlier resigns from his office by writing addressed |
| 30 | to the President or is removed from office by the |
| President with the approval of the Constitutional |
| Council or is convicted by a court of law of any |
| offence involving moral turpitude or if a resolution |
| for the imposition of civic disability upon the |
| member has been passed in terms of Article 81 or is |
| deemed to have vacated his office under paragraph |
| (6).”; and |

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(3) by the substitution, in paragraph (7) of that Article,   
for the words and figures “subject to the provisions   
of Article 41A,” of the words “on the   
recommendation of the Constitutional Council,”.

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| 5 | **5.**  Article 61E of the Constitution is hereby amended,  in paragraph (*b*) of that Article, by the substitution for the | | Amendment |
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| words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” | | of the |
| Constitution |
| of the words “on the approval of the Constitutional | |
| 10 | Council,”. | | Replacement of Article 61F of the  Constitution |
| **6.**  Article 61F of the Constitution is hereby repealed  and the following Article is substituted therefor:- | |
| 15 | “Interpretation | 61F. For the purposes of this Chapter,“public officer” does not include a member of the Army, Navy or Air Force, an officer of the Election Commission appointed by such Commission, a police officer appointed by the National Police Commission, a scheduled public officer appointed by the Judicial Service Commission or a member of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service appointed by the Audit Service Commission.”. |
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| 25 | **7.**  Article 65 of the Constitution is hereby amended as  follows:- | | Amendment |
| of Article 65 |
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| (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (1) of that Article, for the words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” of the words “on the approvalof the Constitutional Council,”; and | | Constitution |
| 30 | (2) by the repeal of paragraph (6) of that Article, and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:- | |

“(6) Whenever the Secretary-General is unable   
to discharge the functions of his office, the

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President may, subject to the approval of the   
Constitutional Council, appoint a person to act in   
the place of the Secretary-General.”.

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| 5 | **8.**  Article 91 of the Constitution is hereby amended in  sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of that Article as follows:- | Amendment |
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| 10 | (1) by the substitution, in item (iv) of that sub- | Constitution |
| paragraph, for the words and figures “referred toin |
| Schedule I to Article 41A,” of the words and figures“referred to in the Schedule to Article 41B,”; |
| (2) by the insertion, immediately after item (*va*) of that sub-paragraph, of the following item:- |
| 15 | “(*vb*) a member of the Constitutional Council referred to in sub-paragraph (*e*) of paragraph (1) of Article 41A, other than any Member of Parliament;”; and |

(3) by the insertion, immediately after item (xii) of that   
 sub-paragraph, of the following item:-

“(xiii) a citizen of Sri Lanka who is also a citizen   
of any other country;”.

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| 20 | **9.**  Article 95 of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (2) of that Article, by the substitution for the words and figures “paragraph (1) of this Article and subject to the provisions of Article 41A, appoint”, of the words and figure“paragraph (1) and on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council, appoint”. | Amendment |
| of Article 95 |
| of the |
| Constitution |
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| **10.**  Article 103 of the Constitution is hereby amended  as follows:- | Amendment of Article  103 of the  Constitution |
| (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (1) of that Article, for the words and figures “subject to the provisions |

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of Article 41A,” of the words “on the

recommendation of the Constitutional Council,”;

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| 5 | (2) by the substitution, in paragraph (7) of that Article, | | Amendment |
| for the words and figures “subject to the provisions | |
| of Article 41A,” of the words “on the | |
| recommendation of the Constitutional Council,”. | |
| 10 | **11.** | Article 104B of the Constitution is hereby amended |
| by the repeal of sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (5) of that | | of Article |
| 104B of the |
| Article and the substitution therefor of the following sub- | |
| Constitution |
| paragraph:- | |
| 15 | “(*a*) The Commission shall have the power to issue, from | | Amendment of Article  107 of the  Constitution |
| time to time, in respect of the holding of any election | |
| or the conduct of a referendum, such guidelines as | |
| the Commission may consider appropriate, to any | |
| broadcasting or telecasting operator or any | |
| proprietor or any publisher of a newspaper, as the | |
| case may be, as the Commission may consider | |
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| necessary to ensure a free and fair election.”. | |
| **12.** | Article 107 of the Constitution is hereby amended |
| in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution, for the | |
| words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” | |
| of the words “subject to the approval of the Constitutional | |
| 25 | Council,”. | | Amendment |
| **13.** | Article 109 of the Constitution is hereby amended |
| as follows:- | | of Article |
| 109 of the |
| 30 | (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (1) of that Article, | | Constitution |
| for the words and figures “subject to the provisions | |
| of Article 41A,” of the words “on the approval of | |
| the Constitutional Council,”; and | |

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(2) by the substitution, in paragraph (2) of that Article,   
for the words and figures “subject to the provisions   
of Article 41A,” of the words “on the approvalof   
the Constitutional Council,”.

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| 5 | **14.** | Article 111D of the Constitution is hereby amended | Amendment ofArticle 111D of the  Constitution |
| in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the | |
| words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A.”, | |

of the words “subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council.”.

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| 10 | **15.** | Article111E of the Constitution is hereby amended | Amendment |
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| in paragraph (5) of that Article, by the substitution, for the | |
| Article 111E |
| words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” | |
| of the |
| of the words “subject to the approval of the Constitutional | | Constitution |

Council,”.

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| 15 | **16.** | Article 121 of the Constitution is hereby amended | Amendment of  Article 121 of the  Constitution |
| in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution, for the | |
| words “within one week” of the words “within fourteen days”. | |
| 20 | **17.** Article 153 of the Constitution is hereby amended as | | Amendment |
| follows:- | | of |
| Article 153 |
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| (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (1) of that Article, | |
| Constitution |
| for the words and figures “subject to the provisions | |

of Article 41A,” of the words “subject to the approval   
of the Constitutional Council,”; and

(2) by the substitution, in paragraph (4) of that Article, 25 for the words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” of the words “subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council,”.

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| 5 | 26 | *Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution* | | Insertion of new Articles 153A,153B,  153C,153D,  153E,153F,  153G  and153H in the  Constitution |
| **18.**  The following new Articles are hereby inserted  immediately after Article 153 and shall have effect as Articles | | |
| 153A, 153B, 153C, 153D, 153E, 153F, 153G and 153H of the | | |
| Constitution:- | | |
| “Constitution of the Audit Service  Commission | | 153A. (1) There shall be an Audit Service Commission (in this Chapter referred to as the“Commission”), which shall consist of the Auditor-General who shall be the Chairman of |
| 10 | the Commission, and the following members | | |
| appointed by the President on the | | |
| recommendation of the Constitutional | | |
| 15 | Council:- | | |
| (*a*) two retired officers of the Auditor- | | |
| General’s Department, who have held | | |
| office as a Deputy Auditor-General or | | |
| above; | | |

(*b*) a retired judge of the Supreme Court,   
the Court of Appeal or the High Court   
of Sri Lanka; and

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| 20 | (*c*) a retired Class I officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service. |

(2) A person appointed as a member of the   
Commission shall hold office for three years,   
unless he–

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| 25 | (*a*) earlier resigns from his office, by letter addressed to the President; |

(*b*) is removed from office as hereinafter   
 provided; or

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| 30 | (*c*) becomes a Member of Parliament or a member of a Provincial Council or a local authority. |

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| (3) A person appointed as a member of the Commission shall be eligible to be appointed for a further term of office, on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council.  (4) The President may, for cause assigned and with the approval of the Constitutional Council, remove from office any person appointed as a member of the Commission under paragraph (1).  (5) The Chairman and the members of the Commission shall be paid such allowances as are determined by Parliament. Such allowances shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund and shall not be diminished during the term of office of the Chairman or members.  (6) The Chairman and the members of the Commission shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning and for the purposes of Chapter IX of the Penal Code (Chapter 19). | |

(7) There shall be a secretary to the   
Commission who shall be appointed by the   
Commission.

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| 25 | Meetingsof | 153B. (1) The quorum for any meeting of |
| 30 | the | the Commission shall be three members of the |
| Commission | Commission. |
| (2) Parliament shall, subject to paragraph |
| (1), provide by law for meetings of the |
| Commission, the establishment of the Sri |
| Lanka State Audit Service and such other |
| matters connected with and incidental thereto. |

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| Powers and functions of the  Commission | | 153C. (1) Thepowers of appointment, promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of the members belonging to the Sri Lanka State Audit Service, shall be vested in the Commission. |

(2) The Commission shall also exercise,   
perform and discharge the following powers,   
duties and functions: -

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| 10  15 | (*a*) make rules pertaining to schemes of recruitment, the appointment, transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of the members belonging to the Sri Lanka State Audit Service, subject to any policy determined by the Cabinet of Ministers pertaining to the same; |

(*b*) prepare annual estimates of the National   
 Audit Office established by law; and

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| 20 | (*c*) exercise, perform and discharge such other powers, duties and functions as may be provided for by law. |

(3) The Commission shall cause the rules   
made under paragraph (2) to be published in   
the *Gazette*.

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| 25  30 | (4) Every such rule shall come into operation on the date of such publication or on such later date as may be specified in such rule.  (5) Every such rule shall, within three months of such publication in the *Gazette* be brought before Parliament for approval. Any rule which is not so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of such disapproval, but without prejudice to anything |

previously done thereunder.

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| Influencing  or  attempting to influence  decision of  the  Commission or any  officer of the Sri Lanka  State Audit  Service, to  be an  offence | 153D.(1) A person who otherwise than in the course of his duty, directly or indirectly, by himself or through any other person, in any manner whatsoever, influences or attempts to influence any decision of the Commission, any member thereof or any officer of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service, commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment. | |
| (2) Every High Court established under Article 154P of the Constitution shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any matter referred to in paragraph (1). | | |
| Immunity  from legal  proceedings | 153E. Subject to the jurisdiction conferred on the Supreme Court under Article 126 and to the powers granted to the Administrative | |
| Appeals Tribunal under Article 153G, no court or tribunal shall have the power or jurisdiction to inquire into, pronounce upon or in any manner whatsoever call in question any order or decision made by the Commission, in pursuance of any function assigned tosuch Commission under this Chapter or under any law. | | |
| Costs and expenses | 153F. The costs and expenses of the Commission shall be a charge on the | |
| Consolidated Fund. | | |
| Appeals to  the  Administrative Appeals  Tribunal | 153G**.** Any officer of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service who is aggrieved by any order relating to the appointment, promotion or transfer of such officer or any order on a disciplinary matter or dismissal made by the Commission, in respect of such officer, may | |

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| 5 | 30 | *Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution* | | Amendment |
| appeal therefrom to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal established under Article 59, which shall have the power to alter, vary, rescind or confirm any order or decision made by the Commission. | | |
| 10 | Commission to be  answerable to Parliament | | 153H. The Commission shall be responsible and answerable to Parliament in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders of Parliament for the discharge of its functions and shall forward to Parliament in each calendar year a report of its activities in such year.”. |
| 15 | **19.**  Article 154 of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the words and figures “the Parliamentary Council, the Commissions referred to in Schedule I to Article 41A,” of the words and figures “the Constitutional Council, the Commissions referred to in the Schedule to Article 41B,”. | | |
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| Article 154 |
| of the |
| Constitution |
| 20 | **20.**  Article 154R of the Constitution is hereby amended in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,” of the words “on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council,”. | | | Amendment of  Article 154R of the  Constitution |
| 25 | **21.**  Article 155A of the Constitution is hereby amended in paragraph (1) of that Article, by the substitution for the words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A,”of the words “on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council,”. | | | Amendment |
| of |
| Article 155A |
| of the |
| Constitution |
| 30 | **22.**  Article 155B of the Constitution is hereby amended, by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (4) of that Article, of following paragraph:- | | | Amendment |
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| Article 155B |
| of the |
| 35 | “(5) The Inspector-General of Police shall be entitled to be present at meetings of the Commission, except where any matter relating to him is being considered. He shall have no right to vote at such meetings.”. | | | Constitution |

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| **23.** Article 155C of the Constitution is hereby amended, by the substitution, for the words and figures “under | | |
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| paragraph (1) of Article 126,” of the words and figures “under | | |
| Constitution |
| paragraph (1) of Article 126 and the powers granted to the | | |
| Administrative Appeals Tribunal under Article 155L,”. | | |
| 10 | Insertion of newArticles 155G,155H, 155J,155K  and 155L in the  Constitution |
| **24.** The following new Articles are hereby inserted immediately after Article 155FFF and shall have effect as | | |
| Articles 155G, 155H, 155J, 155K and 155L respectively, of | | |
| the Constitution: - | | |
| “Powers of  the  Commission | 155G. (1)(*a*) The appointment, promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of police officers other than the Inspector-General | |
| 15 | of Police, shall be vested in the Commission. | | |
| The Commission shall exercise its powers of | | |
| promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and | | |
| dismissal in consultation with the Inspector- | | |
| 20 | General of Police. | | |
| (*b*) The Commission shall not in the | | |
| exercise of its powers under this Article, | | |
| derogate from the powers and functions | | |
| 25 | assigned to the Provincial Police Service | | |
| Commissions as and when such Commissions | | |
| are established under Chapter XVIIA of the | | |
| Constitution. | | |
| (2) The Commission shall establish | | |
| procedures to entertain and investigate public | | |
| complaints and complaints of any aggrieved | | |
| 30 | person made against a police officer or the | | |
| police service, and provide redress as provided | | |
| by law. In the event of the Commission | | |
| providing redress, the Commission shall | | |
| forthwith inform the Inspector-General of | | |
| Police. | | |

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(3) The Commission shall, in consultation   
with the Inspector-General of Police, provide   
for and determine all matters regarding police   
officers, including-

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| 5 | Delegation of | (*a*) | the formulation of schemes of |
| 10 | recruitment, promotion and | |
| transfer, subject to any policy | |
| determined by the Cabinet of | |
| Ministers pertaining to the same; | |
| (*b*) | training and the improvement of |
| 15 | the efficiency and independence | |
| of the police service; | |
| (*c*) | the nature and type of the arms, |
| ammunition and other equipment | |
| necessary for the use of the | |
| National Division and the | |
| 20 | Provincial Divisions; and | |
| (*d*) | codes of conduct and disciplinary |
| procedures. | |
| (4) The Commission shall exercise all such | |
| powers and discharge and perform all such | |
| 25 | duties and functions as are vested in it under | |
| Appendix I of List I contained in the Ninth | |
| Schedule to the Constitution. | |
| 155H. (1) The Commission may delegate to | |
| certain | a Committee of the Commission (not | |
| powers of the |
| consisting of members of the Commission) as | |
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| shall be nominated by the Commission, the | |
| to a |
| 30 | Committee | powers of appointment, promotion, transfer, | |
| disciplinary control and dismissal of such | |
| categories of police officers as are specified by | |
| the Commission. | |

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(2) The Commission shall cause to be   
published in the *Gazette*, the appointment of   
any such Committee.

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| 5 | Delegation of certain  functions by the  Commission | (3) The procedure and quorum for meetings |
| of a Committee nominated under paragraph |
| 10 | (1) shall be according to rules made by the |
| Commission. The Commission shall cause such |
| rules to be published in the *Gazette*. |
| 155J. (1) The Commission may, subject to |
| such conditions and procedures as may be |
| 15 | specified by the Commission, delegate to the |
| Inspector-General of Police or in consultation |
| with the Inspector-General of Police to any |
| police officer, its powers of appointment, |
| promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and |
| dismissal of any category of police officers. |

(2) The Commission shall cause any such   
delegation to be published in the *Gazette.*

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| 20 | Right of | 155K. (1) Where the Commission has |
| appeal | delegated under Article 155J to any police |
| 25 | officer its powers of appointment, promotion, |
| transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of |
| any category of police officers, the Inspector- |
| General of Police shall have a right of appeal |
| to the Commission against any order made by |
| such police officer in the exercise of the powers |
| 30 | delegated to him. |
| (2) A police officer aggrieved by any order |
| relating to promotion, transfer or any order on |
| a disciplinary matter or dismissal made by a |
| Committee or the Inspector-General of Police |
| or a police officer referred to in Articles 155H |

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| and 155J in respect of such officer may appeal to the Commission against such order in accordance with rules made by the Commission, from time to time, regulating the procedure and the period fixed for the making and hearing of an appeal by the Commission.  (3) The Commission shall have the power to alter, vary, rescind or confirm such order upon an appeal made under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), or to give directions in relation thereto or to order such further or other inquiry, as the Commission shall deem fit.  (4) The Commission shall, from time to time, cause to be published in the *Gazette*, rules made by it under paragraph (2) of this Article.  (5) Upon any delegation of its powers to a Committee or the Inspector-General of Police or police officer under Articles 155H and 155J, the Commission shall not, whilst such delegation is in force, exercise, perform or discharge its powers, duties or functions in respect of the categories of police officers in respect of which such delegation is made, subject to the right of appeal hereinbefore provided. | | |
| Appeals to  Administrative Appeals  Tribunal | | 155L. Any police officer aggrieved by any order relating to promotion, transfer or any order on a disciplinary matter or dismissal made by the Commission in terms of Article 155K, in |
| respect of such officer, may appeal therefrom to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal established under Article 59, which shall have the power to alter, vary, rescind or confirm any order or decision made by the Commission.”. | | |

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| **25.** Article 155M of the Constitution is hereby repealed | | | |
| and the following Article substituted therefor:- | | | |
| “Saving of  existing rules and  regulations | | 155M. Until the Commission otherwise provides, all rules, regulations and procedures relating to the Police Force as are in force on the date of the coming into operation of this | |
| 10 | Article, shall continue to be operative and in | | | | Amendment of Article  156 of the  Constitution |
| force.”. | | | |
| **26.** Article 156 of the Constitution is hereby amended as | | | |
| follows: - | | | |
| 15 | (1) | by the substitution, in paragraph (2) of that Article, | | | Insertion of |
| for the words and figures “subject to the provisions | | | |
| of Article 41A,” of the words “subject to the approval | | | |
| of the Constitutional Council,”; and | | | |
| (2) | by the substitution, in paragraph (5) of that Article, | | |
| for the words and figures “subject to the provisions | | | |
| of Article 41A,” of the words “subject to the approval | | | |
| of the Constitutional Council,”. | | | |
| **27.** The following new Chapters are hereby inserted | | | |
| 20 | immediately after Chapter XIX and shall have effect as | | | | new Chapters |
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| Chapter XIXA and Chapter XIXB of the Constitution: - | | | |
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“CHAPTER XIXA

COMMISSIONTO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONSOF BRIBERYOR   
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| 25 | Commission to investigate bribery or  corruption | 156A. (1) Parliament shall by law provide |
| for the establishment of a Commission to |
| investigate allegations of bribery or corruption. |
| Such law shall provide for– |

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(*a*) the appointment of the members   
 of the Commission by the   
 President on the recommendation   
 of the Constitutional Council;

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| 5 | (*b*) | the powers of the Commission, |
| including the power to direct the |

holding of a preliminary inquiry or the making of an investigation into an allegation of bribery or 10 corruption, whether of its own motion or on a complaint made to it, and the power to institute prosecutions for offences under the law in force relating to bribery

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| 15 | (*c*) | or corruption; and |
| measures to implement the United |

Nations Convention Against Corruption and any other International Convention relating 20 to the prevention of corruption, to which Sri Lanka is a party.

(2) Until Parliament so provides, the   
Commission to Investigate Allegations of

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| 25 | Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 shall apply, subject to the modification that it shall |

be lawful for the Commission appointed under   
that Act, to inquire into, or investigate, an   
allegation of bribery or corruption, whether on   
its own motion or on a written complaint made

30 to it.

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CHAPTER XIXB

NATIONAL PROCUREMENT COMMISSION

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| 5 | National | 156B. (1) There shall be a National |
| Procurement | Procurement Commission (in this Chapter |
| Commission |
| referred to as the “Commission”) consisting of |
| five members appointed by the President on |
| 10 | the recommendation of the Constitutional |
| Council, of whom at least three members shall |
| be persons who have had proven experience in |
| procurement, accountancy, law or public |
| administration. The President shall, on the |
| 15 | recommendation of the Constitutional |
| Council, appoint one member as the Chairman |
| of the Commission. |
| (2) Every member of the Commission |
| shall hold office for a period of three years from |
| 20 | the date of appointment, unless such member |
| earlier resigns from office by a writing addressed |
| to the President or is removed from office by |
| the President for causes assigned with the |
| approval of the Constitutional Council or is |
| 25 | convicted by a court of law for an offence |
| involving moral turpitude or is elected as a Member of Parliament or as a member of a Provincial Council or of a local authority or if a resolution for the imposition of a civic disability on him is passed in terms of Article 81. |
| 30 | (3) The Chairman and every member of the Commission shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by a resolution of Parliament. Such allowances shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund and shall not be diminished during the term of office of such |
| 35 | Chairman or the member. |

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| Functions of the  Commission | | 156C. (1) It shall be the function of the Commission to formulate fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective |
| procedures and guidelines, for the procurement of goods and services, works, consultancy services and information systems by government institutions and cause such guidelines to be published in the *Gazette* and within three months of such publication, to be placed before Parliament. | | |

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of   
paragraph (1), it shall be the function of the   
Commission to –

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| 15 | (*a*) | monitor and report to the |
| appropriate authorities, on |
| (*b*) | whether all procurement of goods |
| and services, works, consultancy |
| 20 | services and information systems |
| by government institutions are |
| based on procurement plans |
| prepared in accordance with |
| previously approved action |
| plans; |
| monitor and report to the |
| 25 | appropriate authorities on |
| 30 | whether all qualified bidders for |
| the provision of goods and |
| services, works, consultancy |
| services and information systems |
| by government institutions are |
| afforded an equal opportunity to |
| 35 | participate in the bidding process |
| for the provision of those goods |
| and services, works, consultancy |
| services and information systems; |

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| (*c*) | | monitor and report to the appropriate authorities on whether the procedures for the selection of contractors, and the awarding of contracts for the provision of goods and services, works, consultancy services and information systems to government institutions, are fair and transparent; | |
| (*d*) | | report on whether members of Procurement Committees and Technical Evaluation Committees relating to the procurements, appointed by government institutions are suitably qualified; and | |
| (*e*) | | investigate reports of  procurements made by  government institutions outside  established procedures and  guidelines, and to report the  officers responsible for such  procurements to the relevant  authorities for necessary action. | |
| Powers of the Commission | 156D. (1) The Commission may, by Notice in writing, require any person to– | | |
| (*a*) | | attend before the Commission, to be questioned by the Commission; | |
| (*b*) | | produce to the Commission, any document or thing in the possession or control of that person and specified in such Notice. | |

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(2) Every person who–

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| 5 | Meetings of | (*a*) | fails, without reasonable cause to |
| appear before the Commission | |
| when required to do so by a | |
| Notice sent to him under | |
| 10 | paragraph (1); | |
| (*b*) | appears before the Commission |
| in compliance with such a Notice, | |
| but refuses without reasonable | |
| cause, to answer any questions | |
| 15 | put to him by the Commission; | |
| or | |
| (*c*) | fails or refuses, without |
| reasonable cause, to produce any | |
| document or thing which he was | |
| 20 | required to produce by a Notice | |
| sent to him under paragraph (1), | |
| commits an offence and shall on conviction be | |
| liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred | |
| thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a term | |
| 25 | not exceeding seven years, or to both such fine | |
| and imprisonment. | |
| (3) Every High Court established under | |
| Article 154P of the Constitution shall have | |
| jurisdiction to hear and determine any matter | |
| referred to in paragraph (2). | |
| 156E. (1) The Commission shall meet as | |
| the | often as may be necessary for the discharge of | |
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| its functions. | |

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(2) The Chairman shall preside at all   
meetings of the Commission. In the absence of   
the Chairman from any meeting of the

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| 5 | Commission, the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting, from among themselves. |

(3) The quorum for any meeting of the   
Commission shall be three.

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| 10 | (4) Decisions of the Commission shall be by the majority vote of the members present and voting at the meeting at which the decision |

is taken, and in the event of an equality of   
votes, the Chairman or member presiding at   
the meeting shall have a casting vote.

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| 15 | (5) Subject to the preceding provisions of this Article, the Commission may determine the procedure with regard to its meetings and |

the transaction of business at such meetings.

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| 20 | (6) The Commission shall have the power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the |

membership of the Commission, and no act,   
proceeding or decision of the Commission shall   
be invalid or deemed to be invalid, by reason

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| 25 | Staff of the | only of such vacancy or defect in the |
| appointment of a member. |
| 156F.(1) The Commission shall appoint a |
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| Secretary-General and such other officers as it |

may consider necessary for the proper discharge

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| 30 | of its functions, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Commission. |

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| (2) All members and officers of the Commission shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning, and for the purposes of, Chapter IX of the Penal Code (Chapter 19).  (3) No suit, prosecution or other proceeding shall lie against any member or officer of the Commission for any act or thing which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his functions, under the Constitution. | | |
| Expenses of the Commis-sion to be  charged on  the Consoli-dated Fund | | 156G. The expenses of the Commission shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund. |
| Interpretation | | 156H. In this Chapter, “government institution” includes the office of the Secretary |
| to the President, the office of the Secretary to the Prime Minister, the office of the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers, the offices of the Ministers appointed under Article 44 or 45, the Judicial Service Commission, the Constitutional Council, the Commissions referred to in the Schedule to Article 41B, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, the Secretary-General of Parliament, Ministries, government departments, local authorities, public corporations, business or other undertakings vested in the government under any written law and Companies registered or deemed to be registered under the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007, in which the government, a public | | |

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corporation or local authority holds more than

fifty *per centum* of the shares of that company.”.

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| 5 | **28.** Article 170 of the Constitution is hereby amended by the repeal of the definition of the expression “public officer”and the substitution therefor of the following definition: - | | Amendment of  Article 170 of the  Constitution |
| “public officer” means a person who holds any paid office under the Republic, other than a judicial officer, but does not include – | |
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| (*a*) | the President; |
| (*b*) | the Prime Minister; |
| 15 | (*c*) | the Speaker; |
| (*d*) | a Minister appointed under Article 44 or 45; |
| (*e*) | a Deputy Minister appointed under Article 46; |
| (*f*) | a Member of Parliament; |
| 20 | (*g*) | a member of the Constitutional Council; |
| (*h*) | a member of the Judicial Service Commission; |
| (*i*) | the Chairman or a member of any Commission referred to in Article 41B; |
| 25 | (*j*) | the Secretary-General of Parliament; |
| (*k*) | a member of the staff of the Secretary-General of Parliament; |
| (*l*) | a member of the University Grants |
| Commission; | |

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| (*m*) | | | a member of the Official Languages |
| Commission; | | | |
| (*n*) | | | the Auditor-General; and |
| (*o*) | | | the Governor of the Central Bank of |
| Sri Lanka.”. | | | |
| 10 | **29.** (1) (*a*) The ninth Parliament in existence on the day preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, | | | |
| provisions |
| shall, unless dissolved earlier continue to function until | | | |
| August 19, 2025 and shall thereafter stand dissolved. | | | |
| (*b*) The persons holding office respectively as the | | | |
| 15 | President and the Prime Minister on the day preceding the | | | |
| date on which this Act comes into operation, shall continue | | | |
| to hold office after such date subject to the provisions of the | | | |
| Constitution. | | | |
| (2) Every person holding office on the day preceding the | | | |
| date on which this Act comes into operation, as– | | | |
| 20 | (*a*) | | the Chief Justice; | |
| (*b*) | | the Judges of the Supreme Court; | |
| (*c*) | | the members of the Judicial Service Commission; | |
| (*d*) | | the President of the Court of Appeal; | |
| (*e*) | | the Judges of the Court of Appeal; | |
| (*f*) | | the Attorney-General; | |
| (*g*) | | the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; | |
| (*h*) | | the Auditor-General; | |

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| (*i*) | the Inspector-General of Police; | |
| (*j*) | the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman); | |
| (*k*) | the Secretary-General of Parliament; | |
| (*l*) | the Judges of the High Court; or | |
| (*m*) | the judicial officers, scheduled public officers, public officers or police officers, | |
| shall continue to hold such office and shall, subject to paragraph (3) of Article 41C, continue to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of that office, under the same terms and conditions.  (3) Every person holding office on the day preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, as a member of the Parliamentary Council shall cease to hold office as a member of the Parliamentary Council with effect from the date on which this Act comes into operation. | | |

(4) Every person holding office on the day preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, as the Chairman or a member of –

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| 20 | (*a*) | the Election Commission; |
| 25 | (*b*) | the Public Service Commission; |
| (*c*) | the National Police Commission; |
| (*d*) | the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; |
| (*e*) | the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption; |
| (*f*) | the Finance Commission; and |
| (*g*) | the Delimitation Commission, |

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shall cease to hold such office with effect from the date on

which this Act comes into operation:

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| 5 | Provided however, a person holding office on the day | | Avoidance of |
| preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, | |
| as a Chairman or a member of any such Commission referred | |
| 10 | to above may continue to exercise and discharge powers | |
| and functions of their respective offices until such date on | |
| which the respective Commissions are constituted in | |
| accordance with Chapter VIIA of the Constitution. | |
| (5) All matters relating to– | |
| 15 | (*a*) | the appointment, promotion, transfer, disciplinary |
| control and dismissal of police officers; and | |
| (*b*) | appeals by police officers to the Public Service |
| Commission, | |
| pending before the Public Service Commission on the day | |
| preceding the date on which this Act comes into operation, | |
| 20 | shall, with effect from that date, stand transferred to the | |
| National Police Commission established by Article 155A | |
| and shall be determined by the National Police Commission | |
| accordingly. | |
| 25 | (6) All matters relating to the appointment, promotion, | |
| transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of members of | |
| the Sri Lanka State Audit Service and pending before the | |
| Public Service Commission on the day preceding the date | |
| on which this Act comes into operation, shall, with effect | |
| from that date, stand transferred to the Audit Service | |
| 30 | Commission established by Article 153A and shall be | |
| determined by the Audit Service Commission accordingly. | |
| **30.** For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that- | |
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| (*a*) | where there is a requirement in any written law to |
| obtain the recommendation or approval of the | |

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| Parliamentary Council on the day preceding the | | |
| date on which this Act comes into operation, the | | |
| reference to the Parliamentary Council shall be read | | |
| and construed as a reference to the Constitutional | | |
| Council with effect from the date on which this Act | | |
| comes into operation; and | | |
| 10 | (*b*) | any Member of the ninth Parliament in existence | |
| on the day preceding the date on which this Act | | |
| comes into operation, who is subject to the | | |
| disqualification specified in item (xiii) of sub- | | |
| paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of Article 91 of the | | |
| 15 | Constitution shall not be qualified to sit and vote | | |
| in Parliament with effect from the date on which | | |
| this Act comes into operation. | | |
| **31.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | |

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