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**SRI LANKA**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL SIHELOGY**  **COUNCIL (ITSC) (INCORPORATION)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to incorporate the International Traditional Sihelogy Council (ITSC)**

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AN ACTTOINCORPORATETHE INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL   
SIHELOGY COUNCIL (ITSC)

WHEREAS a Council named and known as the Preamble“International Traditional Sihelogy Council (ITSC)”, has   
heretofore been established in Sri Lanka for the purpose of   
effectually carrying out its objects and transacting all matters   
5 connected with the said Council according to the rules   
agreed to, by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Council has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and has applied to 10 be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application:

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

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| 15 | **1.** This Act may be cited as the International Traditional | Short Title |
| Sihelogy Council (ITSC) (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2024. |
| 20 | **2.** (1) From and after the date of commencement of this | Incorporation |
| of the |
| Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the |
| International |
| “International Traditional Sihelogy Council (ITSC)” |
| Traditional |
| Sihelogy |
| (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) or shall hereafter |
| Council |
| be admitted as members of body corporate hereby |

constituted, shall have perpetual succession under the name and style of the “International Traditional Sihelogy Council (ITSC)” (hereinafter referred to as the “body corporate”), and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and 25 authority to have, and use a common seal, and to alter the same at its pleasure.

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(2) The body corporate shall be deemed to be a Voluntary Social Service Organization within the meaning and for the purpose of the Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 and the 5 provisions of that Act shall apply to and in relation to the management of the affairs of the body corporate.

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| 10 | **3.** (1) Subject to the provisions of any other written law, | | Objects of |
| the general objects for which the body corporate is | | the body |
| corporate |
| constituted are hereby declared to be- | |
| (*a*) | to establish a degree-awarding institution named |

the International Traditional Sihelogy Institution   
(ITSI);

(*b*) to promote traditional Sihela medicine, Sihela nursing. Sihela farming, Sihela martial arts, Sihela 15 astrology, Sihela exorcism and Sihela dance through the members representing all three languages i.e.

Sinhala, Tamil and English;

(*c*) to promote the traditional Sihela medicine among   
 all Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim communities using

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| 20 | (*d*) | the three languages i.e. Sinhala, Tamil and English; |
| to take action to boost foreign exchange earnings |

for Sri Lanka by supporting the enhancement of   
mental and physical health of tourists through the   
promotion of international tourism activities by

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| 25 | (*e*) | assisting wellness eco-tourism; |
| to operate a specific Sihelogy In-patient Treatment |

Unit for all diseases;

(*f*) to establish branches of the Sihelogy Institution in   
 foreign countries:

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(*g*) to conduct educational and social courses and   
 programmes in collaboration with foreign   
 universities;

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| 5 | (*h*) | to add Sihela martial arts as a competition in |
| Commonwealth Games by popularizing it among |

local and foreign communities;

(*i*) to create herb gardens and to obtain permission to   
 grow without distinction all types of herbs required   
 for all forms of medical treatments and popularizing

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| 10 | (*j*) | such herb gardens in society; |
| to conduct Sihelogy programmes on relieving |

mental stress and physical weaknesses of all school   
children and on non communicable diseases;

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| 15 | (*k*) | to obtain a part of the area in the Traditional |
| Medical Village named “Wedagama” to carry out |

Sihelogy activities and to get permission to use the   
closed schools mainly in Anuradhapura and   
Minuwangoda areas for Sihelogy projects;

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| 20 | (*l*) | to establish a Care Centre instead of homes for the |
| elderly and to deploy Sihelogy motorcycle team |

for disaster management; and

(*m*) to establish the Sihelogy People’s Relief Charity Institute as a social welfare institute.

(2) In the implementation of the objects specified in 25 subsection (1), the body corporate shall ensure that such implementation shall be carried out without any distinction based on race, religion, language, caste, gender, political opinion, place of birth or such other ground.

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

corporate shall be carried out by a Management Council 10 (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") consisting of such number of office bearers as may be specified by the rules made under Section 7.

(2) (*a*) The members of the Management Council of the Council holding office on the day immediately preceding 15 the date of commencement of this Act shall, subject to the rules made under paragraph (*b*), function as an Interim Council of the body corporate until the first Council is appointed or elected within the period specified in paragraph (*d*) and in the manner provided for by rules made under 20 Section 7.

(*b*) Subject to the provisions of Section 7, the Interim Council shall have the power to make rules for the interim administration of the body corporate and for election or appointment of the members of the first Council of the body 25 corporate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law:

Provided, the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of Section 7 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the rules made under subsection (1).

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

(*d*) The first Council of the body corporate shall be appointed or elected within one year of the date of 5 commencement of this Act.

(3) (*a*) Every office bearer of the Council including the patrons and advisors, shall be appointed or elected for a period of three years and any such office bearer, patron or advisor shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election 10 after lapse of the said period of three years.

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

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

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| 20 | **6.** | Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other | Powers of the |
| written law, the body corporate shall have the power to do, | | body |
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| perform and execute all such acts and matters as are necessary | |

for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the body corporate or any one of them, including the power–

(*a*) to purchase, acquire, rent, construct, renovate and   
 otherwise obtain lands or buildings which may be

25 required for the purposes of the body corporate and to deal with or dispose of the same as may be deemed expedient with a view to promoting the objects of the body corporate;

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(*b*) enter into and perform or carry out, whether directly   
or through any officer or agent authorized in that   
behalf by the body corporate, all such contracts or

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| 5 | agreements as may be necessary for the attainment of the objects or the exercise of the powers of the |

body corporate;

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

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

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| 15 | (*d*) | to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, |
| buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques, |

promissory notes and other negotiable instruments   
and to open, operate, maintain and close accounts   
in any bank;

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| 20 | (*e*) | to invest any funds that are not immediately |
| required for the purposes of the body corporate, in |

such manner as the Council may determine;

(*f*) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and administer any lawful trust having objects similar to the body corporate or any real or personal 25 property with a view to promoting the objects of the body corporate;

(*g*) to appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services of officers and other employees of the body corporate and exercise disciplinary control over 30 them and to pay them such salaries, allowances and gratuities as may be determined by the body corporate;

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

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| 5 | (*i*) | to organize lectures, seminars and conferences with |
| a view to promoting the objectives of the body |

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(*j*) to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the   
 purposes of the body corporate; and

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| 10 | (*k*) | to do all other things as are authorized by this Act | Rules of the |
| to achieve objects of the body corporate. | |
| **7.** (1) It shall be lawful for the body corporate, from | |
| time to time, at any general meeting of the body corporate | | body |
| corporate |
| and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members | |

present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the

15 provisions of this Act or any other written law, for all or any of the following matters:–

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

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| 20 | (*b*) | the election of office bearers of the Council or |

vacation of or removal from office of office bearers   
and the powers, duties and functions of the office   
bearers;

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| 25 | (*c*) | the terms and conditions of appointment, powers, |
| functions and duties of various officers, agents and |

servants of the body corporate;

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

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| 5 | (*e*) | thereat; |
| the qualifications and disqualifications to be a |

member of the Council and the body corporate;

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

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| 10 | (*g*) | generally, the management of the affairs of the body |

corporate and dissolution of the body corporate.

(2) Any rule made by the body corporate may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner, as a rule made under Subsection (1) of 15 this Section.

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

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| 20 | **8.** | The Council shall maintain a register of members in | Register of |
| members |
| which name, address and other essential details of the | |

members shall be inscribed.

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| **9.** | (1) The body corporate shall have its own Fund. | Fund of the  body  corporate |
| (2) All money received by way of gifts, bequests, | |

donations, subscriptions, contributions, fees or grants for 25 and on account of the body corporate shall be deposited in one or more banks approved by the Council to the credit of the body corporate subject to the provisions of Section 6(*c*):

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Provided, for the purposes of this Section, "bank" means a bank licensed as a "licensed commercial Bank" under Part I of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund, all such sums of 5 money as are required to defray any expenditure incurred by the body corporate in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

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| 10 | **10.** (1) The financial year of the body corporate shall be | Accounts and |
| the calendar year. | Auditing |
| (2) The body corporate shall cause proper accounts to |

be kept of its income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the body corporate.

(3) The accounts of the body corporate shall be audited annually by a qualified auditor.

15 (4) For the purposes of this section, "qualified auditor" means–

(*a*) an individual who, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other Institute established by law, possesses a 20 certificate to practise as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such Institute; or

(*b*) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any 25 other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practise as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such Institute.

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**11.**  (1) The Council shall prepare a report of the Annual activities of the body corporate for each financial year and Report

submit such report together with the audited statement of accounts certified by a qualified auditor and details of all 5 contracts and agreements entered into by the body corporate in terms of the rules made under Section 7 to the Secretary of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Health and to the Registrar of Voluntary Social Services Organizations appointed under the voluntary Social 10 Services Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980, before the expiration of six months of the year succeeding the year to which such report relates.

(2) A separate Account relating to the foreign and local moneys received by the body corporate during the financial 15 year shall be attached to the report referred to in Subsection (1).

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| 20 | **12.** All debts and liabilities of the Council existing on | Debts due by |
| the day immediately preceding the date of commencement | and payable |
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| of this Act, shall be paid by the body corporate hereby |
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| constituted and all debts due to, subscriptions and |

contributions payable to the Council on that day shall be paid to the body corporate for the purposes of this Act.

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| 25 | **13.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other | Body |
| written law, the body corporate shall be able and capable in | corporate |
| may hold |
| law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, |
| property |
| which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, | movable and |
| immovable |
| grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, andall |

such property shall be held by the body corporate for the purpose of this Act and subject to the rules of the body 30 corporate made under Section 7, with power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

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| **14.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the moneys and property of the body corporate however derived shall be applied solely towards the | Application of moneys  and property |

promotion of the objects of the body corporate and no portion 5 thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or profit or otherwise howsoever to the members of the body corporate.

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| 10 | **15.** (1) The seal of the body corporate shall not be affixed | Seal of the |
| to anyinstrument whatsoever, except in the presence of two | body |
| corporate |
| members of the Council, who shall sign their names to the |

instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

(2) The seal of the body corporate shall be in the custody of an office bearer of the Council as may be decided by the

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| 15 | Council. | Property |
| **16.** (1) If upon the dissolution of the body corporate there |
| 20 | remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities | remaining |
| on |
| any property whatsoever, such property shall not be |
| dissolution |
| distributed among the members of the body corporate, but |
| shall be given or transferred to any other institution having |

objects similar to those of the body corporate, and which is by the rules thereof, prohibited from distributing any income or property among its members.

(2) For the purposes of Subsection (1), the appropriate 25 institution to which the property remains after the satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities of the body corporate to be given or transferred shall be determined by the members of the body corporate with the approval of the Registrar of Voluntary Social Services Organizations appointed under

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| 30 | the Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 immediately before |

the dissolution at a general meeting by the majority of votes of the members present.

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| 5 | **17.** | Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or | Saving of the |
| affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or | | rights of the |
| Republic |
| any other body corporate. | |
| **18.** | In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— | Interpretation |
| “Sihelogy” means, a scientific way of living belongs | |

to the four main great tribes of sivhela Yakka,   
Deva, Naga and Raksha from which it was   
originated and continued since the time   
immemorial including sivhela or sihela

10 medicine, nursing, farming, martial arts, performing arts, food culture, educational concepts, beauty culture, physio therapy and oil therapy, traditional acupuncture, wood carving and tree arts and pharmacology.

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| 15 | **19.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | to prevail in |
| case of |
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