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**SRI LANKA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
(INCORPORATION)**

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to incorporate the Sri Lanka Women's Conference

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Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation)

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

WHEREAS an association called and known as the “Sri Lanka Women's Conference” has heretofore been established in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters concerned with the said association according to the rules agreed to by its members: and whereas the said association has heretofore been successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application:

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2016.

2. From and after the commencement of this act, such and so many members as now are members of the Sri Lanka Women's Conference (hereinafter referred to as “Conference”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as “Corporation”) with perpetual succession under the name and style of the “Sri Lanka Women's Conference” and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts with full power and authority to have and to use a common seal and to change and alter the same at its pleasure.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

- (a) to hold conferences on subjects of public interest with special reference to women and children;
- (b) to work towards the improvement of the status of women;

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- (c) to maintain a watching brief on public affairs in matters pertaining to women and children in order to safeguard their rights and address problems to the relevant authorities for solutions;
 - 5 (d) to provide adequate opportunities to encourage independent research by women and women's organizations;
 - (e) to promote cooperation and understanding among women and women's organizations irrespective of
10 race, religion and political opinion;
 - (f) to encourage all women to take their due share of responsibility in society;
 - (g) to affiliate, collaborate, federate or cooperate with, subscribe to, or become members of any other
15 organized body, specialized agency or association, whether local or foreign corporate or unincorporate having aims and objects similar to those of the Corporation;
 - (h) to do all such other things as may be necessary for, or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the
20 objects of the Corporation, and generally for the benefit, advancement and welfare of its members.
4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do,
25 perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them, including the power to acquire and hold property movable or immovable, to open, operate and close bank
30 account, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, to receive or collect grants or donations, to invest its funds, to erect any building or structures on any land held by the
- General powers of the Corporation.

Corporation and to engage, employ and dismiss, officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

5 **5.** The Board of Management of the Corporation shall
cause to be maintained a register in which every person who
on the date of commencement of this Act, is a member of the
Corporation and every person thereafter duly admitted a
member of the Corporation shall have inscribed in such
register his name, address and such other particulars as may
10 be prescribed under the rules in force for the time being of
the Corporation.

Register of
members.

6. (1) The management, control and administration of
the Corporation shall subject to the provisions of this Act
and rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, vest
15 in a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as "the
Council") consisting of such number of governors elected
from among the members in accordance with the rules in
force for the time being of the Corporation.

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

(2) The members of the Governing Council of the
20 Conference whose names are set out in the Schedule to this
Act, and holding office on the day preceding the date of
commencement of this, shall be the members of the first
Council of the Corporation.

(3) The Council shall have the power to appoint new
25 members.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to
time at any general meeting of the members, and by the
votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and
voting to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions
30 of this Act, for the admission, withdrawal, recognition,
retirement or expulsion of members, for the conduct of the
duties of the Executive Committee, and of the officers, agents
and servants of the Corporation for the procedure to be
followed in the transaction of business and otherwise

Rules of the
Corporation.

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generally for the management of affairs of the Corporation, and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may at like meeting and in like manner, be altered, added to amended or rescinded.

- 5 (2) The rules of the Corporation in force at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be decreed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section, and may be altered, added to, amended, rescinded or replaced by the rules made under this Act.

- 10 **8.** All debts and liabilities of the said Corporation, on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to, subscription and contributions payable to the Conference on that date shall be paid to the Corporation for
15 the purposes of this Act.

- 9.** (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all moneys heretofore or hereafter to be received by way of testamentary disposition, donations, contribution and fees deposited in the names of the Corporation in one or more
20 banks as may be decided by the Committee of Management.

(2) There shall be paid out from the fund, all sums of moneys to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

- 25 **10.** (1) The Corporation shall cause proper account to be kept of all moneys received and expended by the Corporation.

- (2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited at least once in every year and the correctness of
30 income and expenditure account and the balance sheet shall be certified by the Auditor or Auditors who shall be an associate member or members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

11. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of such number of members of the Board of Management of the Corporation as may be provided in the rules 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. Seal of the Corporation.
12. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire and hold any property, movable, or immovable which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, subscription, gift, grant, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act, and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same. Corporation may hold property movable or immovable.
13. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among members of the Corporation, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Corporation and which is or are by rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among its members. Property remaining on dissolution.
14. Nothing contained in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or anybody corporate or any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, or under them. Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.
15. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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