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OF CRIME AND WITNESSES (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, No. 27 OF 2017**

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*Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime  
and Witnesses (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 2017*

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L. D.—O. 48/2016.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS  
OF CRIME AND WITNESSES ACT, NO. 4 OF 2015

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Assistance to and  
Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment)  
Act, No. 27 of 2017.

Short title.

2. Section 31 of the Assistance to and Protection of  
Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015 is hereby  
amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 31 of  
Act, No. 4 of  
2015.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the  
substitution for the words “within Sri Lanka,” , of  
the words “within or outside Sri Lanka,”;

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1)  
of that section, of the following new subsection:—

“(1A) Where any evidence or statement of any  
victim of crime or witness is to be recorded from  
any remote location outside Sri Lanka under  
subsection (1), it shall be recorded at the Sri Lankan  
diplomatic mission in the country from where such  
victim of crime or witness seeks to testify or make  
the statement.”; and

(3) by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and  
the substitution therefor, of the following  
subsection:—

“(4) For the purposes of this section—

(a) “Court” means a Court before which  
any criminal proceedings are being  
conducted; and

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(b) “public officer” includes an officer  
serving in the Sri Lanka Foreign  
Service.”.

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case  
of inconsistency.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala  
and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

