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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA FEDERATION OF THE
VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

WHEREAS a Federation called and known as the “Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped” has heretofore been formed in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Federation according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Federation has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant the 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 Federation of the Visually Handicapped (Incorporation) Act, No. 4 of 2007.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as are now members of the Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped (hereinafter referred to as the “Federation”) and shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) with perpetual succession under the name and style of the “Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped”, and by that name may sue and be sued in all Courts with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same in such manner as may be decided by the Executive Committee of the Corporation.

Incorporation
of the Sri
Lanka
Federation of
the Visually
Handicapped.

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General Objects
of the
Corporation.

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

- (a) to unite all visually handicapped people living in Sri Lanka ;
- (b) to provide welfare services to the visually handicapped and to seek solutions to common and individual problems confronted by the visually handicapped community;
- (c) to inform the State and other organisations with regard to common and individual issues confronted by the visually handicapped community ;
- (d) to create awareness among the visually handicapped community on the various services provided for them by the State and other organisation and to assist them to derive benefits from such programmes ;
- (e) to create awareness among the general public with regard to the services and assistance required by the visually handicapped community ;
- (f) to make appropriate efforts to eliminate misconceptions and false attitudes prevailing in the society regarding blindness and blind people ;
- (g) to act as a mediator to find solutions to legal issues confronted by the visually handicapped community ;
- (h) to liaise with other organisations having objects similar to those the Corporation ;
- (i) to raise funds in order to provide necessary welfare services to the visually handicapped community ;
- (j) to act in every possible way to eradicate causes of blindness ;

- (k) to establish and maintain “homes for the aged” specially designed and equipped for the visually handicapped community ;
- (l) to establish and maintain rehabilitation centres and welfare centres for the visually handicapped community ; and
- (m) to take all other steps as are necessary or desirable for the promotion of all or any of the foregoing objects.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, 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 open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise money, with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds and to engage, employ and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

Powers of the Corporation.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, and the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the office bearers and such number of Committee Members as may be provided for in the rules and elected in accordance therewith.

Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(2) The first Executive Committee of the Corporation shall consist of the Members of the Executive Committee of the Federation, holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting

Rules of the Corporation.

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to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law, for all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) the admission, classification and withdrawal of membership and expulsion of members ;
- (b) the election of office bearers, the Executive Committee and the conduct of the duties of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation ;
- (c) for the procedure to be followed in the transaction of business at meetings of the Corporation and the Executive Committee ;
- (d) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts ; and
- (e) generally, for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

(2) Any rules made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner, as a rule may be made under subsection (1).

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

Debts due by
and payable to
the Foundation.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Federation existing on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be paid and discharged by the Corporation, and all debts due to, and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Federation on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Corporation may
hold property
movable and
immovable.

8. 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, grant,

gift, 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 of the Corporation with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of, the same.

9. The Seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of such number of office bearers as may be provided for in the rules of the Corporation 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.

The Seal of the Corporation.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or any body politic or corporate or of any other persons.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

11. 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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