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**Proclamations & C., by the President**

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

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GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

**Presidential Directive**

ESTABLISHMENT of a Presidential Task Force for Green Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by Article 33 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

To :

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Chairman, Wild Holidays (Pvt.) Ltd.
2. Lalith Senevirathna Esquire
3. S.K.B. Kasun Tharaka Amal Esquire  
Director, Biogenic Green Technology Research Institute
4. Malinda Senevirathna Esquire  
Director, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute
5. R.B. Rasika Thusitha Kumara Esquire  
Climate Smart Agriculture Co-ordinator, Vavuniya and Mannar Districts  
Eco Friendly Farming Training Consultant



6. Dr. B.K.J. Kavantissa Esquire  
Chief Executive Officer  
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7. Samantha Fernando Esquire  
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13. Chaminda Hettikankanamge Esquire  
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14. Nishan de Silva Esquire  
Lorance’s Liquid Fertilizer

Greetings!

Whereas it has been emphatically stated in the Policy Statement: “Vistas of Prosperity and splendor” that action would be initiated to build a developed agricultural economy and to create an opportunity for the local and international consumer to obtain toxin-free agricultural products within the next decade as well as to introduce eco-friendly crops,

And whereas, it is the foremost objective of the Government to create an eco-friendly healthy green agriculture through the means of livelihood thereby minimizing the chemical waste materials being added to the soil and water,

Focusing on the possibility of benefits being accrued locally, as well as, internationally, thereof the march to wards a sustainable green agriculture by undertaking eco-friendly organic farming by the adoption of the state-of-the art technology’

Taking into consideration the need for unhygienic agro chemicals to be minimized through research and new inventions and for eco-friendly organic fertilizer production that suit the local environmental conditions to be incentivized,

Now, therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, appoint you the said :-

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as members of the Presidential Task Force for the Green Agriculture, in order to accomplish the below-mentioned tasks :

1. Formulating a systematic programme for sustainable maintenance of green agriculture
2. Identifying the organic fertilizer required for various crops and improving the quality of such fertilizer production
3. Producing pesticides and weedicides locally
4. Identifying methodologies and monitoring mechanism for importing the limited scale possible shortages with high standards on the approval of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute in meeting the requirements through local production
5. Enhancing the communication in transmitting to the public the health-related socio-economic benefits to be accrued from organic food production and consumption
6. Enlisting the active support of the Public Service in this process and broadening the organic agriculture extension services at field level

And, I appoint **Vijith Welikala Esquire, as the Chairman** of the aforesaid Task Force.

I appoint **Vernon Perera Esquire, Additional Secretary to the President**, as **Secretary** of the said Task Force.

And, I do hereby direct the said Task force to liaise with Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation Task Force and the Presidential Task Force for the creation of a Green Sri Lanka with sustainable Solutions for climate Changes.

AND, I do hereby authorize the said Presidential Task Force to make such inquiries and issue such instructions as are required for the purpose of executing the tasks so entrusted.

Furthermore, I do hereby direct you, members of the aforesaid force, to submit reports to me at least **once a month**.

AND, I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons to whom the said Task Force may issue instructions or from whom assistance for provision of services may be requested, to comply with all such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly complied with, rendered and furnished on that behalf.

AND, I do hereby require and direct the said Task Force to report to me all instances where any Government employee or an officer in any ministry, government department, state corporation or any such institution who delay the performance of duties and fulfillment of responsibilities or fail to perform such duties and responsibilities to be entrusted by the said Task Force.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

By Order of His Excellency,

**P. B. JAYASUNDERA,**  
Secretary to the President.