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SRI LANKA  
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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL  
MEDIATION CENTER OF SRI LANKA; AND FOR MATTERS  
CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Commercial Mediation  
Centre of Sri Lanka Act, No. 44 of 2000, and shall come into  
operation on such date as may be appointed by the Minister  
by Order published in the Gazette.

Short title and  
date of operation.

PART I

COMMERCIAL MEDIATION CENTRE OF SRI LANKA

2. (1) There shall be established a Centre to be called  
the Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (hereinafter  
referred to as “the Centre”).

Establishment of  
the Sri Lanka  
Commercial  
Mediation Centre.

(2) The Centre shall, by the name assigned to it by  
subsection (1), be a body corporate with perpetual succession  
and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate  
name.

(3) The head office of the Centre shall be in Colombo. The  
Board of Management of the Centre may establish such branch  
offices of the Centre as the Board may consider necessary in  
places in Sri Lanka, outside Colombo.

3. The functions of the Centre shall be –

Functions of the  
Centre.

- (a) to promote the wider acceptance of mediation and  
conciliation for the resolution and settlement of  
commercial disputes ;
- (b) to encourage parties to resolve commercial disputes  
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- (i) to conduct training courses and workshops for the purposes of discharging its functions ;
- (j) to invest its unutilized moneys in such securities as may be approved by the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance; and
- (k) to do all such other acts as may be necessary for, or conducive to, for the proper discharge of it's functions.

5. (1) The administration and management of the affairs of the Centre shall be vested in a Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of the following members appointed by the Minister: –

Board of  
Management.

- (a) one member nominated by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, incorporated by the Chamber of Commerce Ordinance (Chapter 289) ;
- (b) one member nominated by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka ;
- (c) one member nominated by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka ;
- (d) one member nominated by the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries, incorporated by the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries Act, No. 10 of 1969 ; and
- (e) one member nominated by the Minister in charge of the subject of Justice.

(2) A member of the Board may at any time resign his office by letter in that behalf addressed to the Minister.

(3) The Minister may, for reasons assigned, remove a member of the Board from office.

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(4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may regulate the conduct of the business and the transaction of the affairs of the Centre.

8. (1) The seal of the Centre shall be in the name of the Chairman or any other person authorized by the Board.

(2) The seal of the Centre shall be in the name of the Centre as may be determined by the Board.

(3) The seal of the Centre shall be in the name of the Centre and in the presence of the Board authorized in the name of the Centre in the instrument or document.

9. (1) The Centre shall have the following powers:

(2) There shall be paid to the Centre:

(a) all such sums of money as may be appropriated by the Parliament, for the Centre ;

(b) all such sums of money as may be appropriated by the Centre in the exercise of its powers, for the Centre ;

(c) all such sums of money as may be appropriated by the Centre, as local or foreign, for the Centre ;

(3) There shall be paid to the Centre such sums of money as may be appropriated by the Parliament, for the expenditure incurred by the Centre, and discharge, of the Centre.

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**13. (1) No action** shall be brought against a member of the Board or the Centre for any act which is done in good faith by an officer or servant under the direction of the Board.

(2) Any expense incurred by the defendant in the prosecution brought by or against the defendant shall be paid out of the fine or costs paid to, or recovered by, the defendant. Any amount paid in prosecution shall be credited to the defendant.

(3) Any expenses incurred by a person referred to in subsection (1) or (2) and brought against that person or against the Board, shall, if the court has so ordered on oath, be paid out of the fund. If the expense is recovered by the person

14. All members of servants of the Centre shall within the meaning, and for

15. The Centre shall be a body corporate institution within the meaning of the provisions of that Act shall

**16. (1)** in computing to any cause of action, the

(a) commencing on the date that the dispute is made to the Commercial Dispute Resolution Centre for mediation and



**Sinhala text to  
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