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AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDICATURE ACT, No. 2 of 1978

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Judicature (Amendment) Act, No. 8 of 2026. Short title

2. Section 9 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 is hereby amended, by the repeal of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of that section, and substitution therefor, of the following paragraph:- Amendment of section 9 of Act, No. 2 of 1978

“(d) any offence committed by any person on the high seas where-

- (i) such offence is piracy by the law of nations; or
- (ii) such offence is an offence under the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218), Conventions Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, No. 1 of 2008 or any such written law;”.

3. 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

