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**INSTITUTE OF SRI LANKA PROFESSIONAL
PSYCHO SOCIAL WORK (INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

to incorporate the Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work

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*Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho
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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE INSTITUTE OF SRI LANKA
PROFESSIONAL PSYCHO SOCIAL WORK

WHEREAS an Institute called and known as the “Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work” was established in Sri Lanka by a group of dedicated professionals in the field of Psycho Social Work for the purpose of introducing and promoting professionalism among those engaged in the said field and maintaining the highest professional standards among the professional psycho social work fraternity:

AND WHEREAS the said Institute was registered under Section 5 (2) of the Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration & Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980 as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1998 on the Thirty First day of October Two Thousand and Seven:

AND WHEREAS the said Institute was recognized and registered under bearing No. P20/0052 as a Training Institute by the Tertiary and Vocational Commission of Sri Lanka under Tertiary Education and Vocational Act, No. 20 of 1990 and Government Gazette No. 887/8 dated 07. 09. 1995:

AND WHEREAS the said Institute has resolved by special resolution that the Institute be incorporated by an act of Parliament, for the general advancement of the profession of Psycho Social Work and for the purpose of effectually carrying out its objects according to the Articles of the Constitution agreed to by its member:

AND WHEREAS the said Institute 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:

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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 Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2015. Short title.
2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work (hereinafter referred to as “the Institute”) or shall hereafter be admitted as 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 “Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work”, and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure. Incorporation of the Institute of Sri Lanka Professional Psycho Social Work.
3. The general objects for which the corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be: General objects of the Corporation.
- (a) to upgrade the standard of qualitative psycho social work and to promote, foster and safe guard the professional ethics, respect, rights, powers and privileges of members engaged in psycho social work profession; 20
- (b) to introduce new psycho social strategies in areas of psycho social professional education, training, research and publication, which are necessary to improve knowledge, skills and attitudes of professional psycho social work and thereby develop and strengthen the community; 25
- (c) to promote and conduct social development projects and programs and render assistance to introduce new social principles thereon; 30

- 5 (d) to until all members engaged in psycho social mission in Sri Lanka into a single vital body capable of playing an important role in the promulgation of professional and ethical standards for the practice of professional psycho social work;
- (e) to foster cooperation and friendliness with the members of the Institute and also with different allied professions and organizations for the best interest of the enhancement of public social welfare;
- 10 (f) to provide up to-date and relevant information to potential psycho social workers to help them make the best informed and considered choice with regard to professional psycho social work;
- 15 (g) to promote and safeguard the professional interest, rights, powers and privileges of the members;
- (h) to prepare and maintain a register of practitioners engage in professional psycho social work;
- 20 (i) to initiate for legislation and promulgation of lawful orders intended to increase the serviceability of the psycho social work profession as well as safeguard and protect its inherent rights and obligations to society;
- 25 (j) to provide members with information on career updates and job opportunities within and outside Sri Lanka;
- (k) to educate the community about what professional psycho social work is, and what makes it unique, and comprehensive system of Social Service;
- 30 (l) to provide Members with a platform for networking and co-ordinate events which facilitate interaction amongst Members from all over Sri Lanka and outside Sri Lanka;

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- (m) to provide opportunities and facilities for the Members to undertake research, projects and other such work and to further strengthen the profession of professional psycho social work;
- 5 (n) to introduce general standards of professional conduct and practice for professional psycho social work and to ensure the maintenance of such standards in their professional activities;
- 10 (o) to enter into agreements with the Government and its subsidiaries with a view to promoting all or any of the objects of the Corporation and promoting such rights, privileges and concessions that is appropriate for a professional Institute;
- 15 (p) to create opportunities for government and government approved Non-Governmental Institutes to receive the professional and specialized services from the members of our Institute for social and community development projects through psycho social work;
- 20 (q) to introduce and conduct standardized workshops, courses, seminars, projects and examinations for those keen in professional psycho social work and to award certificates to those who reached the required levels;
- 25 (r) to introduce new social principles in all social development projects and programmes;
- (s) to take any other measure that may be necessary for the attainment of all or any of the objects of the corporation.
- 30 **4.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to— General powers of the Corporation.
- (a) raise fund and receive grants, gifts or donations in cash or kind and solicit subscriptions in Sri Lanka or abroad;

- 5 (b) acquire, in any manner whatsoever and hold, take or give on lease or hire, sell or otherwise dispose of, any movable or immovable property and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the business of the Corporation;
- (c) open, operate and close bank accounts and borrow or raise money with or without security;
- 10 (d) invest any funds not immediately required for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner as the Executive Council duly elected under section 5 may deem fit;
- (e) to enter into agreements or contracts with any person or body of persons;
- (f) levy fees for services provided by the Corporation;
- 15 (g) levy such fee as may be determined by the Corporation for the re-admission of a person as a member of the Corporation;
- 20 (h) appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services of officers and servants of the Corporation and to pay them such salaries allowances and gratuities as may be determined by the Corporation;
- (i) perform and execute all other acts and things as are necessary or expedient for the attainment of the objects of the Corporation.
- 25 5. (1) The management, control and administration of the Corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, vest in the Executive Council consisting of the office bearers and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules
30 and elected in accordance therewith.
- Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

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(2) The first Executive Council of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Executive Council of the Institute holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

5 6. The Executive Council shall maintain a register of members in which every person who on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act is a member of the Institution and every person duly admitted as a member of the Corporation shall have his name inscribed. Register of Members.

10 7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by the majority votes of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, for all or any of the following matters:— Rules of the Corporation.

15 (a) classification of membership, fees payable by each class of members and admission, withdrawal, expulsion or resignation of members;

20 (b) election of the Council, resignation or removal from, or vacation of, office of office bearers and powers, duties and conduct of the Council;

(c) powers, duties and functions of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation and their appointment, dismissal and termination;

25 (d) procedure relating to the summoning and holding of meetings of the Council, and the Corporation and any sub-committee thereof, including the quorum therefore and the conduct of business thereat;

30 (e) qualification and disqualification for membership in the Corporation and in the Council;

(f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation; and

(g) generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation of the attainment of its objects.

(2) The Articles of the Institute in force on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation and may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under this section.

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules in force for the time being, of the Corporation.

8. (1) With effect from the date of commencement of this Act—

Corporation may hold property movable and immovable.

(a) all property, movable or immovable, of the Institute;

(b) all rights, powers, privileges and interests of the Institute and all the liabilities of the Institute;

(c) all books, accounts and documents of the Institute;

shall vest absolutely in the Corporation.

(2) With effect from the date of commencement of this Act and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)—

(a) all debts due to and subscriptions and fees payable to the Institute shall be paid to the Corporation;

(b) all liabilities of the Institute subsisting on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the liabilities of the Corporation;

(c) all officers and servants of the Institute on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be officers and servants of the Corporation;

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5 (d) all contracts and agreements entered into for the purposes of the Institute and subsisting on the day immediately preceding date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be contracts and agreements entered into by the Corporation.

10 (e) all actions and legal proceedings instituted by or against the Institute and pending on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be continued and enforced as legal proceedings instituted by, or against, the Corporation.

15 **9.** (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and it shall consist of all moneys received by way of gifts, testamentary dispositions, grants, donations, contributions, or fees in cash or kind. Fund of the Corporation.

(2) All moneys received shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in one or more banks and be invested in any suitable manner to achieve the objects of the Corporation as may be decided by the Council.

20 (3) All expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the excise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Corporation shall be paid out of the fund of the Corporation.

25 **10.** (1) The Corporation shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Corporation. Accounts and Audit.

(2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited at least once in every year by a qualified auditor as may be determined by the Executive Council.

30 **11.** All debts and liabilities of the Institute existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid or discharged by the Corporation, and all debts Debts due by and payable to the Institute.

due to, and subscription and fees payable to, the Institute on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

5 **12.** The Corporation shall have the power to appoint any committee and to take such other steps as may be found necessary, from time to time, for the maintenance of professional standards and discipline among its members. Power to appoint Committees.

10 **13.** The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Secretary or a member of the Council as may be duly authorized by the Council and another member of the Council who shall sign their names on the instrument in taken of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness. Seal of the Corporation.

15 **14.** No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation, or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount of annual subscription payable by him to the Corporation. Limitation of liability of members.

20 **15.** Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate or any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by from or under them. Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

25 **16.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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