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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRILANKA**

**COMMERCIAL MEDIATION CENTRE OF
SRI LANKA (AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

**to amend the Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka
Act, No. 44 of 2000**

*Presented by the Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice
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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 5 of the Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka Act, No. 44 of 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”), and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the number of members of the Board of Management of the Commercial Mediation Centre with a view to ensuring better co-ordination among the line agencies.

Clause 3 : This clause amends section 6 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable the Minister to appoint the Chairman of the Board of Management and to specify the manner by which the Chairman can be removed from office.

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L.D.—O. 29/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMERCIAL MEDIATION CENTRE OF
SRI LANKA ACT, NO. 44 OF 2000

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 (Amendment) Act, No. of 2017. Short title.

5 **2.** Section 5 of the Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka Act, No. 44 of 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment
of section 5
of Act,
No. 44 of
2000.

(1) in subsection (1) thereof,—

10 (a) by the repeal of all the words and figure from
“**(1)** The administration and Management” to
the words “appointed by the Minister:—” and
the substitution thereof of the following:—

15 “**(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”) which shall consist of the
following members:—

(i) the following *ex-officio* members,
namely—

20 (a) the Secretary to the Ministry of
the Minister assigned the subject
of Justice or his nominee above
the rank of Senior Assistant
Secretary;

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(b) the Secretary to the Treasury or his nominee above the rank of Director to Treasury;

5 (ii) the following members appointed by the Minister:-”;

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (e) and the substitution therefor of the following:-

10 “(e) two members nominated by the Minister assigned the subject of Justice;”;

15 (2) In subsection (7) thereof, by the substitution for the words and figures “paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d) of subsection (1)” of the words and figures “sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d) of paragraph (ii) of subsection (1)”.

3. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment of section 6 of the principal enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following:-

20 “(1) The Minister shall appoint one of the members of the Board as its Chairman.”;

(2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words “addressed to the Board.” of the words “addressed to the Minister.”;

25 (3) by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:-

 “(3) The Minister may, upon resolution adopted by the Board supported by not less than one half of

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the total membership of the Board, remove the
Chairman from the office of Chairman.”.

4. 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.
