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**ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
OF CRIME AND WITNESSES (AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

**to amend the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and
Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015**

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 31 of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable a victim of a crime or witness to give evidence or make a statement from any remote location outside Sri Lanka.

*Assistance to and Protection of Victims of
Crime and Witnesses (Amendment)*

L. D.—O. 48/2016.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
OF CRIME AND WITNESSES ACT, NO. 4 OF 2015

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Act, No. of 2017. Short title.

2. Section 31 of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015 is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment
of section 31
of Act, No. 4
of 2015.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words “within Sri Lanka,” , of the words “within or outside Sri Lanka.”;

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) of that section, of the following new subsection:—

“(1A) Where any evidence or statement of any victim of crime or witness is to be recorded from any remote location outside Sri Lanka under subsection (1), it shall be recorded at the Sri Lankan diplomatic mission in the country from where such victim of crime or witness seeks to testify or make the statement.”; and

(3) by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection:—

“(4) For the purposes of this section—

(a) “Court” means a Court before which any criminal proceedings are being conducted; and

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Crime and Witnesses (Amendment)*

(b) “public officer” includes an officer serving in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service.”.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala
5 and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency.

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