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TERRORIST FINANCING (AMENDMENT)**

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**to amend the Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist
Financing Act, No. 25 of 2005**

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause effects a general amendment to the Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing Act, No. 25 of 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of that amendment is to extend the application of the provisions of the principal enactment to “other assets” that may be provided or collected for the commission of the offence specified in section 3 of the principal enactment.

Clause 3: This clause amends section 2A of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to broaden the application of the provisions of the principal enactment.

Clause 4: This clause amends section 3 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to broaden the scope of the offences set out in that section.

Clause 5: This clause amends section 4 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to extend the time period for which a Freezing Order shall be in force.

Clause 6: This clause amends section 4A of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to –

- (a) extend the time period given for a police officer to make an *ex parte* application to the High Court for the confirmation of a Freezing Order; and
- (b) provide for the maximum time period of an extension of a Freezing Order granted by the High Court.

Clause 7: This clause replaces section 4C of the principal enactment and the legal effect of that section is to make provisions for a person affected by a Freezing Order to carry out legitimate transactions subject to an order of the Court.

Clause 8: This clause replaces section 4D of the principal enactment and the legal effect of that section is to provide for the appointment of a Receiver or Special Manager or for issuing a direction on the Proceeds of Crime Management Authority to deal with the funds, etc. subjected to the Freezing Order.

Clause 9: This clause amends section 4E of the principal enactment to provide more clarity to that section.

Clause 10: This clause amends section 4F of the principal enactment to provide more clarity to that section.

Clause 11: This clause replaces section 4H of the principal enactment and the legal effect of that section is to provide for the disposal of assets, etc. forfeited to the State.

Clause 12: This clause inserts new sections 4J and 4K in the principal enactment and the legal effect of the new sections is to provide for -

- (a) special investigation techniques to be used when conducting an investigation; and
- (b) the establishment of a joint investigation team for investigation purposes.

Clause 13: This clause amends section 5 of the principal enactment to provide more clarity to that section.

Clause 14: This clause amends section 8 of the principal enactment to provide more clarity to that section.

Clause 15: This clause replaces section 9 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of that section is to provide for the application of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No.25 of 2002 in providing assistance in investigation of offences, etc. under the principal enactment.

Clause 16: This clause amends section 16A of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to amend certain definitions of terms and insert certain new definitions of terms in the principal enactment.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION
OF TERRORIST FINANCING ACT, NO. 25 OF 2005

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Act, No. of 2026. Short title

2. The Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing Act, No. 25 of 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in the sections specified in *Column I* of the Schedule to this Act, by the substitution for the words specified in the corresponding entry in *Column II* of that Schedule, of the words specified in the corresponding entry in *Column III* of that Schedule. General amendment to Act, No. 25 of 2005

3. Section 2A of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection: - Amendment of section 2A of the principal enactment

“(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the provisions of this Act shall apply to or in relation to a person who commits any act which constitutes an offence under this Act wholly or partly outside Sri Lanka, which is directed towards, or which results in, one or more terrorist acts being carried out-

(a) in Sri Lanka;
(b) against a Sri Lankan citizen;
(c) against a government facility of Sri Lanka; or

- (3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2A) of that section, of the following new subsection: -

5 “(2B) Any person who unlawfully and willfully, by direct or indirect means, collects or conspires to collect from another person funds, property or other assets, material support or resources, or provides or conspires to provide another person funds, property or other assets, material support or resources, 10 knowing or having reasons to believe that such funds, property or other assets, material support or resources will be used or are to be used to finance persons -

15 (a) for the purpose of perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in, or providing or receiving terrorist training in Sri Lanka to commit a terrorist act in or outside Sri Lanka;

20 (b) for travelling or attempting to travel to another State or territory to commit a terrorist act in or outside Sri Lanka;

25 (c) for travelling or attempting to travel to another State or territory to become a foreign terrorist fighter;

(d) for travelling or attempting to travel to another State or territory for the purpose of -

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- (i) perpetration, planning or
 preparation of, or participation
 in, a terrorist act in or outside
 Sri Lanka;

- 5 (ii) perpetration, planning or
 preparation of, or participation
 in, or providing or receiving
 terrorist training in one State or
 territory and to serve or fight for
10 any terrorist organization in that
 State or territory or in another
 State or territory;

- (iii) providing or receiving terrorist
 training including and in
 connection with armed conflicts
 or in connection with any
 resolution to address the threat
 associated with such armed
 conflict;

- 15 (iv) willfully recruiting, organizing,
 transporting or equipping
 persons who travel or attempt to
 travel to a State other than his
 State of residence or nationality
20 for the purpose of perpetration,
 planning or preparation of, or
 participation in, a terrorist act or
 providing or receiving terrorist
 training; or

- 25 (v) willful organization or other
 facilitation including acts of
 recruitment, of persons, who
 travel or attempt to travel to
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5 a State other than his State of residence or nationality for the purpose of perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in, a terrorist act or providing or receiving terrorist training; or

(e) for engaging in trafficking of persons for terrorist training,

10 commits an offence under this Act.”;

(4) in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution for the words and figures “specified in subsection (1), subsection (2) or subsection (2A) of this section”, of the words and figures “specified in subsection (1), subsection (2), subsection (2A) or subsection (2B) of this section”; and

20 (5) in subsection (4) of that section, by the substitution for the words and figures “under subsection (1), subsection (2) or subsection (2A) of this section”, of the words and figures “under subsection (1), subsection (2), subsection (2A) or subsection (2B) of this section” and by the substitution for the words “and also be liable to a fine.”, of the words “or with a fine not exceeding one hundred million rupees, or with both such imprisonment and fine.”.

5. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: -

Amendment of section 4 of the principal enactment

30 (1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words and the figure “in contravention of the provisions of section 3.”, of the words and the

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figure “by the commission of an act under section
3,”; and

- 5 (2) in subsection (3) of that section, by the
substitution for the words “seven days”, of the
words “fourteen working days”.

6. Section 4A of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: -

Amendment
of section 4A
of the
principal
enactment

- 10 (1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution
for the words “seven days”, wherever such words
occur in that subsection, of the words “fourteen
working days”; and

- (2) in the first proviso to subsection (2) of that
section, by the substitution for the words “three
months”, of the words “six months”.

15 7. Section 4C of the principal enactment is hereby
repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: -

Replacement
of section 4C
of the
principal
enactment

- 20 “High Court
to sanction
essential and
legitimate
transactions.”
- 4C.** (1) Where any legitimate business
or other interests of any person affected by
the Freezing Order could be damaged by the
prohibition imposed thereby, such person may
make an application to the High Court stating
such facts in support thereof.

- 25 (2) Every such application shall be made
by petition in writing addressed to such High
Court and shall be heard and determined in
accordance with the procedure laid down in
section 127 of the Proceeds of Crime Act,
No. 5 of 2025.

5 (3) The High Court may, upon consideration of such application, if it is of the opinion that such Freezing Order could damage legitimate business or other interests of such person and that any essential transaction relating to the funds, property or other assets, income, profits or instrumentalities which are subject to prohibition by such Freezing Order may be legitimately carried out, confirm the Freezing Order made under section 4 and make further order, sanctioning the carrying out of such transaction-

10 (a) subject to the supervision of the High Court; and

15 (b) in the case where a Receiver or Special Manager has been appointed or the Proceeds of Crime Management Authority has been directed, to take possession of such funds, property or other assets, income, profits or instrumentalities under section 4D, subject to the supervision of such Receiver, Special Manager or the Proceeds of Crime Management Authority, as the case may be.”.

8. Section 4D of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: -

30 “Appointment of a Receiver etc., upon freezing.

4D. The High Court may, upon an application made in that behalf by a police officer not below the rank of an Assistant Superintendent of Police, or on its own motion –

Replacement of section 4D of the principal enactment

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(a) appoint a Receiver or Special
Manager; or

(b) direct the Proceeds of Crime
Management Authority,

5 in terms of Part IV of the Proceeds of Crime
Act, No. 5 of 2025, to take possession of and
otherwise deal with the funds, property or other
assets, income, profits or instrumentalities
10 which have been subjected to the Freezing
Order.”.

9. Section 4E of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment
amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows: - of section 4E
of the
principal
enactment

15 (1) by the repeal of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a)
of that subsection, and the substitution therefor,
of the following sub-paragraph: -

“(i) tracing, tracking, identifying,
locating, or quantifying such funds,
property or other assets, income,
profit or instrumentalities;”; and

20 (2) by the repeal of paragraph (b) of that subsection
and the substitution therefor, of the following
paragraph: -

25 “(b) that any institution named in such
order furnish to such police officer
all documents and information
obtained by such institution relating
to such funds, property or other assets,
income, profits or instrumentalities or
any business transaction conducted

5 by such institution in connection with such funds, property or other assets, income, profits or instrumentalities during the period before or after the date of the Freezing Order, as the Court may direct.”.

10 **10.** Section 4F of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words and the figure “in contravention of the provisions of section 3,”, of the words and the figure “by the commission of an act under section 3,”. Amendment of section 4F of the principal enactment

11. Section 4H of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - Replacement of section 4H of the principal enactment

15 “Appointment of a Receiver etc., upon forfeiture. **4H.** Where any funds, property or other assets, income, profits or instrumentalities have been forfeited to the State under section 4F of this Act, the Court making the Order of Forfeiture may appoint a Receiver or Special Manager or direct the Proceeds of Crime Management Authority as the case may be, as provided for in section 4D for the disposal of such funds, property or other assets, income, profits or instrumentalities so forfeited.”. 20

25 **12.** The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 4I of the principal enactment and shall have effect as sections 4J and 4K of that enactment: - Insertion of new sections 4J and 4K in the principal enactment

30 “Special investigation techniques to be used when conducting an investigation. **4J.** (1) Any police officer conducting an investigation under this Act may, in addition to the powers vested in such police officer by any other written law, use any investigation technique including the following when conducting the investigation: -

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- 5 (a) surveillance and observation;
 (b) undercover operations;
 (c) video recording;
 (d) using listening devices;
 (e) controlled deliveries; or
 (f) accessing computer data and
 computer systems.

10 (2) A police officer not below the rank of an
Assistant Superintendent of Police may make
an *ex parte* application *in camera* along with
sufficient material to the Magistrate's Court
for an order for the purposes of paragraphs (c),
(d), (e) and (f) of subsection (1).

15 (3) A police officer not below the rank
of an Assistant Superintendent of Police
may make an application in writing to the
Magistrate for a warrant authorizing the covert
monitoring of any conduct and recording of
any communication if an officer conducting
20 investigations under this Act has reasonable
grounds to suspect or believe that a person
has committed, or is committing or is about to
commit an offence under this Act.

25 (4) It shall be the duty of the officer making
the application under subsection (2) to ensure
the protection and preservation of information
received or collected by the officer conducting
the investigation.

30 Establishment
of a joint
investigation
team.
4K. (1) If the circumstances of the case
so justify, a joint investigation team may
be established for a specific period by an
agreement between the Sri Lanka Police and
any other authority empowered to conduct
investigations, in Sri Lanka or in any other

jurisdiction, as may be determined by the Sri Lanka Police for the purpose of conducting an investigation into -

(a) an offence under section 3; or

5 (b) an act alleged to have been committed in any jurisdiction outside Sri Lanka which would either constitute an offence corresponding to an offence referred to in section 10 3 in that jurisdiction or which would, if committed in Sri Lanka, amount to an offence referred to in section 3.

15 (2) Any evidence or material obtained during a joint investigation may be used by the court, when the persons who were investigated are tried before such court.”.

20 **13.** Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words and the figure “in contravention of the provisions of section 3,” of the words and the figure “by the commission of an act under section 3,”. Amendment of section 5 of the principal enactment

25 **14.** Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “Minister”, of the words and the figures “Minister assigned the subject of Foreign Affairs in terms of Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution”. Amendment of section 8 of the principal enactment

15. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - Replacement of section 9 of the principal enactment

“foreign terrorist fighter” means an individual who –

5 (a) travels or attempts to travel from the State or territory of such individual’s residence or nationality to another State or territory; or

10 (b) travels or attempts to travel from one State or territory to another State or territory, other than the State or territory of such individual’s residence or nationality,

15 for the purpose of perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in a terrorist act or providing or receiving terrorist training;”;

20 (3) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “funds or property” and the substitution therefor, of the following definition: -

““funds, property or other assets” means-

25 (a) any currency lawfully or unlawfully acquired including, but not limited to, bank credits, travellers’ cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securities, bonds, drafts, letters of credit and virtual assets;

30 (b) any property lawfully or unlawfully acquired, whether -

- (5) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “institution” and the substitution therefor, of the following definition: -

5 ““institution” shall have the same meaning assigned to it in the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No. 6 of 2006;”;

- (6) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “person” and the substitution therefor, of the following definition: -

10 ““person” means any natural or legal person and includes a body of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated in or outside Sri Lanka, and a legal arrangement, whether it has legal personality or not, and a branch of such person or body of persons incorporated or established in or outside Sri Lanka;”;

- (7) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “person”, of the following new definitions: -

20 ““Proceeds of Crime Management Authority” means the Proceeds of Crime Management Authority established in terms of the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act, No. 5 of 2025;”;

25 ““Special Manager” means a Special Manager appointed by the High Court in terms of the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act, No. 5 of 2025;”;

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(8) in the definition of the expression “terrorist”-

(a) in paragraph (c) of that definition, by the substitution for the words “act; or”, of the words “act;”;

5 (b) in paragraph (d) of that definition, by the substitution for the word “act;”, of the words “act; or”; and

10 (c) by the addition immediately after paragraph (d) of that definition, of the following new paragraph: -

“(e) is a foreign terrorist fighter;” and

(9) by the addition, immediately after the definition of the expression “terrorist act”, of the following new definition: -

15 ““virtual asset” means a digital representation
of value that can be digitally traded or
transferred, and can be used for payment
or investment purposes, but does not
include any digital representation of fiat
20 currencies, securities and other financial
assets.”.

17. 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

[Section 2]

SCHEDULE

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
Section of the principal enactment which is amended	Existing words	Words substituted with
3(1)	funds or property	funds, property or other assets, material support or resources,

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	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets, material support or resources,
3(2A)	material support or resources	funds, property or other assets, material support or resources
4(1)	all funds or property	all funds, property or other assets
	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets
4(4)	fund, property,	funds, property or other assets,
	funds, property,	funds, property or other assets,
second proviso to 4A(2)	fund, property,	funds, property or other assets,
4A(3)	fund, property,	funds, property or other assets,
4B	such funds, property, income, profit	such funds, property or other assets, income, profit
4E(1)	any fund, property,	any funds, property or other assets,
	such fund, property,	such funds, property or other assets
4E(1)(a)(ii)	funds, property,	funds, property or other assets,
4E(1)(a)(iii)	funds, property,	funds, property or other assets,
4E(3)	funds, property, income, profit or instrumentalities	funds, property or other assets, income, profit or instrumentalities
4F(1)	any funds or property	any funds, property or other assets
	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets
4F(2)	Where such funds, property,	Where such funds, property or other assets,
	value of such funds, property	value of such funds, property or other assets

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4F(4)	funds, property, any income or profit earned on such funds or property or	funds, property or other assets, any income or profit earned on such funds, property or other assets, or
4F(6)	any funds or property	any funds, property or other assets
	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets,
4G(1)	any funds or property	any funds, property or other assets,
	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets
	any fund, property, income	any funds, property or other assets, income,
4G(2)	fund, property income,	such funds, property or other assets, income,
4G(2)(a)	such funds or property is not derived	such funds, property or other assets is not derived
	such funds or property is not an instrumentality	such funds, property or other assets is not an instrumentality
4G(2)(c)	in such funds or property	in such funds, property or other assets
	use such funds or property	use such funds, property or other assets
4G(2)(d)	in such funds or property	in such funds, property or other assets
	that such funds or property	that such funds, property or other assets
5(1)	any funds or property	any funds, property or other assets
	such funds or property	such funds, property or other assets
5(2)	Any funds, property,	Any funds, property or other assets,
5(3)	any funds, property,	Any funds, property or other assets,

