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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**ORGANIZATION OF PROTECTION OF ANTIQUITIES
(INCORPORATION)**

A

BILL

**to incorporate the Organization of Protection
of Antiquities**

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Gampaha District on December 15, 2015*

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ORGANIZATION OF PROTECTION
OF ANTIQUITIES

WHEREAS a Foundation called and known as the Preamble.
Organization of Protection of Antiquities has been
established in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually
carrying out and transacting all objects and matters
5 connected with the said Organization according to the rules
agreed to by its members :

AND WHEREAS the said Organization has heretofore
successfully carried out and transacted several objects and
matters for which it was established and has applied to be
10 incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant
the application:

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 Organization of Short title.
15 Protection of Antiquities (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2015.

2. From and after the date of commencement of Incorporation
this Act, such and so many persons as presently are of the
members of the Organization of Protection of Antiquities Organization
(hereinafter referred to as the "Organization") or shall of
20 hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby Protection
constituted shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred of
to as the "Corporation") with perpetual succession under Antiquities.
the name and style of the "Organization", and by that name
may sue and be sued in all Courts with full power and
25 authority to have and use a commonseal and to alter the
same at its pleasure.

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3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted and hereby declared to be— General
objects of the
Corporation.

(a) to assist and encourage the exploration of antiquities lying throughout in the Island;

5 (b) to provide human and material resources and to take other necessary steps to protect antiquities ;

(c) to mobilise Sri Lankans who are interested in protecting antiquities.

4. (1) The management of the affairs of the Corporation Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.
10 subject to the other provisions of this Act and the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a Board of Management consisting of the Chief President and Executive Director, Deputy President, Chief Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Chief
15 Organizer and six committee members.

(2) The Board shall have the power to do all on behalf of the Corporation authorized by this Act and all any of such functions may be assigned to any officer as may be decided.

20 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power— Powers of the
Corporation.

(a) to purchase, rent, construct and otherwise obtain lands or buildings which may be required for the purposes of the Corporation;

25 (b) to borrow or raise money from the Government approved banks and other institutions (foreign and local) for the purposes of the Corporation with the approval of the Board;

30 (c) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques,

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promissory notes and other negotiable instruments
and to open, operate, maintain and close bank
accounts;

- 5 (d) to invest any funds not immediately required for
the purposes of the Corporation, in such a manner
as the Board may think fit;
- (e) to solicit and receive subscriptions, grants,
donations and gifts of all kinds;
- 10 (f) to enter into agreements or contracts with any
person, company or body of persons;
- (g) to undertake, accept, execute, perform and
administer any lawful trusts and conditions
affecting any real or personal property;
- 15 (h) to 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 determined by the Corporation;
- (i) to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the
purpose of the Corporation; and
- 20 (j) to do all other necessary of expedient for the proper
and effective carrying out of the objects of the
Corporation.

25 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time
to time at any meeting of the Corporation and by a majority
of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting
to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this
Act or any other written law, for the following matters:—

Rules of the
Corporation.

- (a) classification of membership, fees payable by
members, their admission, expulsion or resignation;

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- (b) election of Board of Directors or vacation of, or removal from office of office bearers and powers, duties and conduct of the Central Executive Board;
- 5 (c) appointment, powers, duties, functions and conduct of various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- 10 (d) the procedure to be observed at the summoning and holding of meeting of the Corporation and of the Council, the time, place notice and agenda of such meetings, the quorum therefore and the conduct of business;
- 15 (e) the qualifications and disqualification for membership of the Board and of the Corporation;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation and the accomplishment of the objects of the Corporation.

20 (2) The rules of the Foundation in force on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall insofar 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 sub-section (1) of this section.

25 (3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

7. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and the financial year shall be from 1st of January to 31st of December of the same year. Fund of the Corporation.

30 (2) All moneys received by way of gift, bequest, donation, subscription, contributions, fees or grants for and on account of the Corporation shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board of Directors to the credit of the Corporation.

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8. (1) The Treasurer shall cause proper accounts to be kept of all moneys received and expended by the Corporation. Audit and Accounts.

(2) The Annual Final Accounts of the Corporation should
5 be examined and audited in every year by a qualified Auditor and the reports should be submitted at the General Meeting.

9. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, such property shall not be
10 distributed among the members of the Corporation, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Corporation and which, is or are by its or their rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among
15 their members. Property remaining on dissolution.

10. The seal of the Corporation shall be in the custody of the person as may be determined by the Board of Directors and it shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the president and another member
20 of the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Directors who shall sign their names on the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness. Seal of the Corporation.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or
25 affect the rights of the Republic or of anybody politic or corporate or of 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.

12. In the event of any inconsistency between the
30 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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