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(INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

to incorporate the National Environmental Forum

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM
(NEF)

WHEREAS a Forum called and known as the “National Environmental Forum” has heretofore been formed, for the purpose of effectively carrying out the objects of the said Forum and transacting all matters connected with the said
5 Forum according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble

AND WHEREAS the said Forum has heretofore successfully carried out 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:

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

1. This Act shall be cited as the National Environmental Forum (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2013.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as are members of the National Environmental Forum (hereinafter referred to as “the Forum”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession under the name and style of the “National
15 Environmental Forum ” (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) and by that name may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the National Environmental Forum (NEF).

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is
25 constituted are hereby declared to be—

General objects.

(a) review periodically the progress achieved in the field of environment and suggest appropriate actions;

- (b) popularize and promote programs on domestic food security, domestic waste management systems and use of alternative energy sources; also facilitate and transfer of cost effective technologies on environmental conservation;
- (c) conserve natural, biological and non-biological resources; protect and promote indigenous knowledge and technology and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka;
- (d) cultivate environment friendly habits among public and educate them on environmental issues and appropriate solutions for the issues, basic understanding on environmental conservation, with the active involvement of younger generation, follow community based actions on environmental issues identified in Sri Lanka;
- (e) recommend common measures and policy guidelines on projects having environmental impacts; Implement educational programs;
- (f) identify needs for national and provincial projects/ programs and areas of technical co-operation required; also identify areas of technical co-operation required on training, research, implementation and organize such programs;
- (g) facilitate to establish a network of environmental community organizations / environmental community co-operatives in provinces and provide required assistance, arrange recommendations and improvement steps managerial competence and operational efficiency of those organizations;
- (h) promote the systematic dissemination of information and the exchange of experiences among the environmental community organizations; Facilitate as a platform for promotion of provincial environmental community co-operatives;

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- (i) maintain an efficient link-ups and networking among organizations relevant to environmental conservation;
- 5 (j) implement programs for improving active participation of members, provide assistance to the Hantana Conservation Society (HCS), University of Peradeniya, the organization led to form National Environmental Forum; and
- 10 (k) carry out any other activities which are incidental or conducive to the promotion of the aims and the objectives of the Executive Committee.

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.

- 15 (a) receive or collect grants and donations (cash/material), subscriptions;
- (b) acquire movable or immovable properties whatsoever, possess, rent or lease, sell or alienate whatsoever and construct, maintain and renovate any buildings or developments which may required or ease the operations of Corporation;
- 20 (c) open, operate, close of bank accounts and to borrow or raise money, with or without security;
- (d) invest money which are not immediately required for operations of the Corporation, in an appropriate manner, decided under the 05th clause, by Executive Committee;
- 25 (e) enter in to agreements or contracts with any individual or legal body;
- 30 (f) appoint, employ eject or terminate services of officers and employees of the Corporation and to pay salaries, allowances and gratuity, decided by Corporation; and

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- (g) carry out any other activities which are incidental or conducive to the promotion of the aims and the objectives of the Corporation.

5 **5.** (1) The management, control and administrative Management
 affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rule in force of the affairs
 for the time being of the Corporation ,be administered by a of the
 Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation.
 Committee”) consisting of the office-bearers and such other
 perosns as may be provided for in such rules and elected in
10 accordance therewith.

(2) The first Executive Committee of the Corporation shall be treated as the corresponding office-bearers of the Executive Committee of the Forum holding office on the day prior to the date of commencement of this Act.

15 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to Rules of the
 time at any general meeting of the members and by majority Corporation.
 of the votes, to make rules not inconsistant with the
 provisions of this Act, or any other written law—

20 (a) categorization of members, relevant fees on
 category, admission, ejection or resignation of
 members;

 (b) election of the Committee, resignation, ejection,
 withdrawal of office bearers of the Committee,
25 powers of the Committee, the procedure of conduct
 of the duties and the Committee;

(c) powers of the varios officers, agents and servants of the Corporation, their duties, appoint, eject and terminate of their services;

30 (d) procedures of calling for meetings, conduct
 meetings, including the manner of conduct and
 required quorum for any meeting in the Committee,
 Corporation or Sub Committees;

- (e) qualifications and disqualifications for the membership of Committee or Corporation;
- (f) administration and management of properties owned to the Corporation;
- 5 (g) general management activities of the Corporation and the accomplishment of the aims and the objectives of the Corporation.

10 (2) The rules of the Forum in force on the day prior to the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law. Those rules shall be deemed to a rule under this clause and they shall be revised, altered, added, or repealed in a similar procedure to above mentioned and
15 in a similar kind of meeting.

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

20 **7.** All debts and liabilities of the Forum existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to and all subscriptions and contributions payable to, the Forum on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Debts due to and payable by the Forum.

25 **8.** The Corporation shall be capable in law to acquire and hold any property movable or immovable which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act, and shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation have full
30 power to sell, mortgage, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold property, movable or immovable.

9. (a) The Calendar year shall be considered as financial year of the Corporation.

Accounts and Audits.

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