The Seventh Report of the Constitutional Council submitted under Article 41G (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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1. Introduction

Under the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter also referred to as 'the Constitution'), the Constitutional Council (hereinafter also referred to as 'the Council') is mandated to perform and discharge duties and functions entrusted by the Constitution and other Laws. The activities performed and discharged by the Council during the period from January to March 2026 are submitted by this Report under Article 41G (1) of the Constitution.

2. Meetings of the Council

The Constitutional Council met on six (06) occasions on the following days during the period under review:-

26.01.2026, 30.01.2026, 03.02.2026, 19.02.2026, 06.03.2026 and 19.03.2026

3. Duties and functions of the Council under Article 41B of the Constitution

3.1. Public Service Commission

The Council at its meeting held on 06.03.2026, observed that the term of six (06) incumbent members of the Public Service Commission will expire in April 2026 and also observed two existing vacancies in the Public Service Commission for which the Council had made recommendations.

Accordingly, the Council decided to call for applications from qualified individuals for consideration for appointment to the forthcoming vacancies in the Public Service Commission under Articles 41B (1) and (3) of the Constitution.

3.2. National Police Commission

The Council decided to call for applications for vacancies scheduled to arise w.e.f. 16.05.2026, in the post of Member of the National Police Commission.

3.3. Audit Service Commission

The Council, at its meeting held on 30.01.2026, observed that the term of the incumbent members of the Audit Service Commission will expire w.e.f. 31.03.2026, and the Council called for applications from qualified individuals for the forthcoming vacancies in the post of Member of the Audit Service Commission under Articles 153A (1) and 41B of the Constitution.

Accordingly, sequel to the receipt of applications, the Council called the applicants for the interviews.

3.4. Finance Commission

The Council decided to call for applications to fill the vacancies scheduled to arise w.e.f. 02.05.2026 in the post of Member of the Finance Commission.

3.5. Delimitation Commission

The Council decided to call for applications to fill the vacancies scheduled to arise w.e.f. 19.05.2026 in the post of Member of the Delimitation Commission.

3.6. National Procurement Commission

The Council considered the communication received from the Secretary to the President, informing the resignation of Mr D. A. Piyasiri Daranagama from the post of Member of the National Procurement Commission.

The Council, at its meeting held on 30.01.2026 also observed that the term of the incumbent members of the National Procurement Commission will expire w.e.f. 02.05.2026. Accordingly, the Council decided to call for applications from qualified individuals for consideration for appointment to the existing vacancy and the forthcoming vacancies in the National Procurement Commission, under Article 41B of the Constitution.

4. Duties and functions of the Council under Article 41C of the Constitution

4.1. Appointment to the Post of Auditor-General

The Council considered the recommendation of the Hon. President, under Article 41C (1) of the Constitution to appoint Mrs. L. S. I. Jayaratna, Senior Deputy Auditor-General to the post of Auditor-General.

Having considered, the Council, under Article 41C (1) of the Constitution, approved the recommendation of the Hon. President to appoint Mrs L. S. I. Jayaratna, Senior Deputy Auditor-General, to the post of Auditor-General, under Articles 153 and 41C (1) of the Constitution.

5. Discharging Duties and functions imposed or assigned to the Constitutional Council by written laws other than the Constitution

5.1. Appointment to the post of Member of the Office on Missing Persons

The Council called for applications to fill the vacancy created with expiration of the term of Mr Parakrama Jayantha Kumar Silva Wijewansa Wickramasinghe in the post of Member of the Office on Missing Persons and accordingly, conducted the interviews for the shortlisted applicants.

Having considered the requirements in terms of Section 4 (2) of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016 and the performance of the candidates at the interviews, the Council, in terms of Section 4 of the said Act, recommended Mrs Punniyamoorthy Jeyatheepa, for appointment to the vacancy created in the post of Member of the Office on Missing Persons.

5.2. Appointment to the post of Member of the Right to Information Commission

The Council considered the communication received from the Secretary to the President, informing of the resignation of Mr. Liyana Arachchilage Jagath Bandara Liyana Arachchi, from the post of Member of the Right to Information Commission.

Therefore, the Council, in terms of Section 12 (1)(c) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 called for nominations from the category of other civil society organizations to fill the aforesaid vacancy and accordingly, the nominees were interviewed by the Council.

The Council considered the qualifications and suitability of candidates, as well as the importance of pluralistic representation in the composition of the Commission, and recommended Mrs Vasuki Jeyasankar to the post of Member of the Right to Information Commission in terms of Section 12 (1)(c) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 for the vacancy created with the resignation of Mr Jagath Bandara Liyana Arachchi w.e.f. 01.02.2026.

5.3. Appointment to the post of Member of the National Commission on Women

The Council considered the communication received from the Secretary to the President, informing the existing vacancy in the post of full-time Member and Chairperson of the National Commission on Women, with the resignation of Dr Ramani Devika Jayasundere w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

Accordingly, the Council decided to call for applications/nominations to fill the vacancy, from interested individuals who possess proven knowledge, experience and eminence in the field of Management and Administration, in terms of sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the Women Empowerment Act, No. 37 of 2024.

6. Formulation of Rules relating to the performance and discharge of duties and functions of the Council

As mandated by Article 41G (3) of the Constitution, the Council is in the process of revisiting the draft Rules relating to the performance and discharge of its duties and functions.

7. Responding to requests for information under Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016

During the period under review, the following number of requests for information under Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 were received and responses were sent as indicated:

No of requests received	2
No of requests information provided fully/ partially	1
No of requests refused or denied	1
No of appeals	2
No of appeals replied	0
No of appeals rejected	2