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CHAPTER 01

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

1.1 The Foreign Ministry and the Missions network

Sri Lanka maintains following Diplomatic Missions and Posts abroad, which come under the direct administration of the Foreign Ministry.

Embassies / High Commissions	-	49
Permanent Missions to the United Nations	-	02
Deputy High Commissions	-	01
Consulate General Offices	-	13
Representative Offices	-	01
Total	-	66

Overseas Sri Lankan Missions are fundamentally responsible to safeguard and promote Sri Lanka's national interests abroad through fostering multilateral and regional engagements, enhancing bilateral political and economic relations, security and strategic cooperation, science and technology cooperation, development assistance, cultural and people-to-people relations. Furthermore, Sri Lankan Missions/Posts abroad are responsible in providing necessary consular assistance and labour welfare to Sri Lankan expatriate communities abroad. In addition to these tangible objectives, there is a broad spectrum of intangible, strategic and long-term objectives for the establishment of each and every Overseas Mission located in different geopolitical landscapes of the world.



VISION

To be a responsible nation within the international community and to maintain friendly relations with all countries.



MISSION

The Promotion, Projection and Protection of Sri Lanka's national interests internationally, in accordance with the foreign policy of the Government and to advise the Government on managing foreign relations in keeping with Sri Lanka's national interests.

1.3 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

Part 1: Sec(1)-Gazette Extraordinary No:2194/74 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka-25.09.2020

Foreign Minister

1. Purview

Raising Sri Lanka's image internationally through bilateral and multilateral relations in social, economic, political and cultural fields thereby establishing Sri Lanka's identity through the adoption of a Friendly and Non-aligned Foreign Policy.

2. Subjects and Functions

Providing policy guidance to the relevant State Ministry, and formulating policies in relation to the subject of foreign affairs, in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances, implementation of project under the national budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies programmes and projects, related to the subject and functions under the below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions for the creation of "Friendly and non-aligned Foreign Policy" based on the other national policies to be implemented by the government, and in line with the policy statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour".

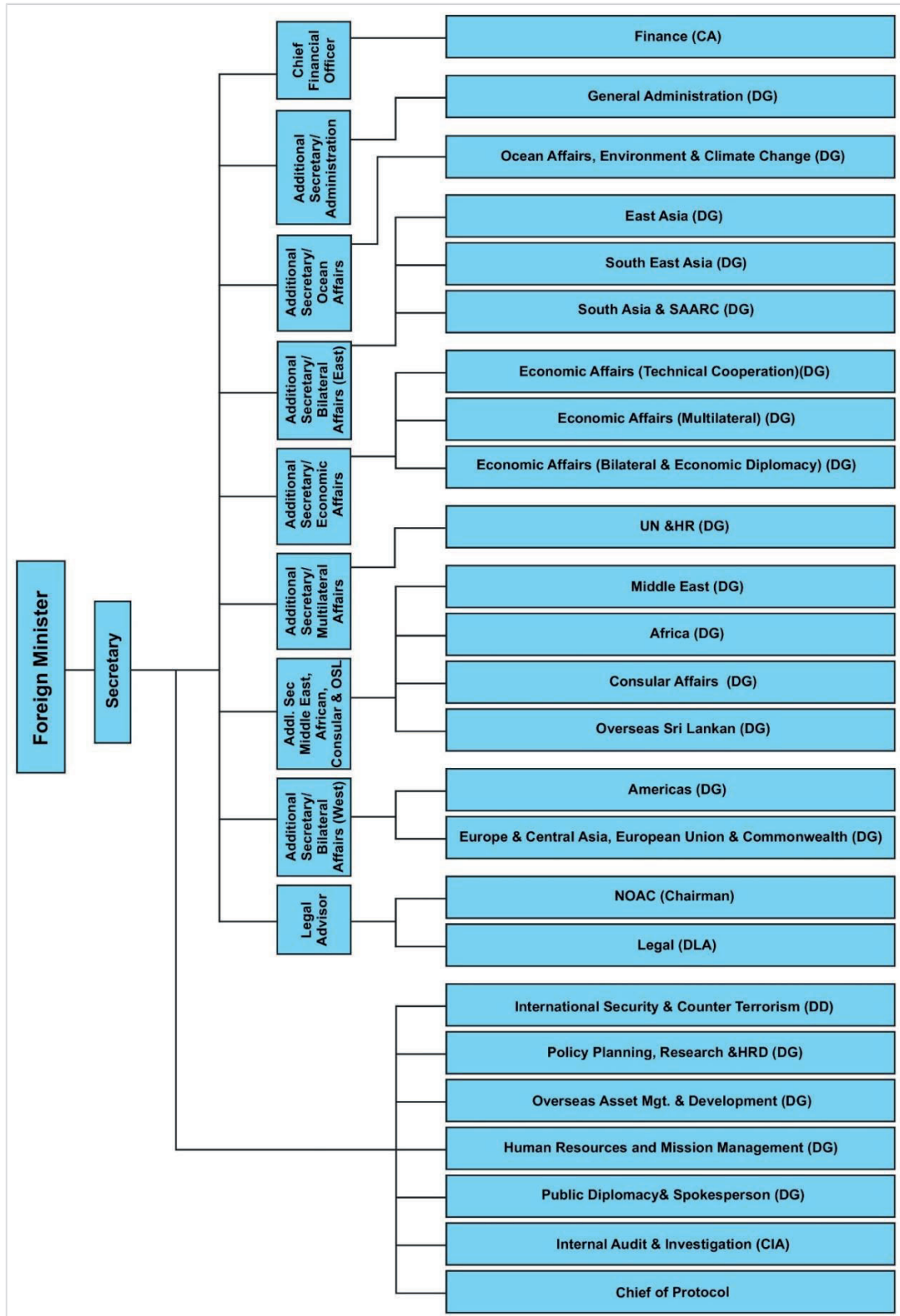
3. Special Priorities

1. Maintaining friendly relations on equal terms with other countries ensuring the country's independence
2. Reviewing bilateral agreements that have hitherto been entered into, and re-examine terms that are detrimental to the interests of the country, and create background that is not harmful to domestic economy in concluding Agreements.
3. In the selection of overseas Missions, make a continuous evaluation of whether the criteria that contribute to executing the President's constitutional role in accordance with the country's foreign policy are being followed, and that the desired objectives of Missions are being achieved.

4. Related Institutional and Legal Framework

Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations	Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented
Diplomatic Missions abroad National Oceanic Affairs Committee Secretariat NGO Secretariat	Consular Functions Act, No. 4 of 1981 Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 Voluntary Social Service Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980

1.4 ORGANOGRAM OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Legend:

- High Commissioners
- Embassies
- Permanent Missions to UN
- Consulates
- Deputy High Commissioners
- Sri Lanka Representative Office
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1.5 Divisions under the Ministry



CHAPTER 02

PROGRESS AND THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Covid-19 pandemic brought about unprecedented challenges as well as unexplored opportunities in the international landscape in years 2020 and 2021. Some of these challenges were at a scale unseen at national, regional and international level. Major contractions in economies all over the world and at home front posed the biggest challenge for the relatively smaller Sri Lankan economy amidst the pandemic. The impact on foreign exchange in terms of declining export earnings, tourism revenue and foreign remittances had a dampening effect on the Sri Lankan economy. These external factors led impact and circumstances necessitated the Foreign Ministry and its network of 66 Sri Lanka Missions abroad to adapt and invent new strategies to re-focus and re-calibrate its diplomatic approach, as the interface of Sri Lanka to the outside world.

Thus, the role of the Foreign Ministry was clearly defined in the new responsibilities where strengthening of economic relations, came to the forefront whilst efforts in consolidating the existing bilateral relations, safeguarding of national assets, protection of national interests and the image building continued.

Reflecting the National Policy Framework of H. E. the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” and its Sectoral Policies, the Foreign Ministry and the Presidential Secretariat jointly formulated a policy document titled “20 point key foreign policy directives 2020 and beyond” during the latter half of 2020 and obtained approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for its implementation in early 2021. This document which enshrines the Foreign Policy Vision of the Government intended to integrate and harmonize the policies of the Government on National Security and Economic Development with Foreign Policy, the key three pillars of this administration.

Sri Lanka's bilateral diplomatic outreach

During 2021, Sri Lanka’s mutual cooperation with other countries continued to move forward despite COVID-19 pandemic. Sri Lanka deepened and expanded partnerships, taking its global cooperation to a higher level and pursued a robust diplomatic engagement at regional and international fora. H.E. the President, Hon. Prime Minister and Hon. Foreign Minister remained engaged with their counterparts and interlocutors around the world mostly on virtual platforms. During these meetings, important matters pertaining to bilateral relationship and regional cooperation came under discussion.

Major high-level outward visits that were undertaken during 2021 were; visit of H.E Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President and Hon. Prof. G.L Peris, Foreign Minister to New York to attend High-Level segment of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September, visit of H.E. the President and Hon. Foreign Minister to attend the World

Leaders' Summit of UNFCCC CoP-26 in November in Glasgow, Scotland and the United Kingdom, and their visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend 5th Indian Ocean Conference and EXPO 2020 in December, visit of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Hon. Foreign Minister to Italy in September, Hon. Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh in March, visit of Hon. Foreign Minister to the United Kingdom in October and his visit to Bangladesh in November to assume the vice-chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). Visit of Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance to India in December, visit of Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister for Regional Cooperation (SMRC) to Russia and Ukraine in September, to Oman in December, his visit with Hon. Priyankara Jayarathna, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification to Qatar in October and his visit with Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism to attend International French Tourism Trade Fair (IFTM TOP RESA 2021) in Paris in October, visit of Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister of Finance & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms, to Qatar in April, Dubai in October, Oman in November and his visit to Riyadh and Abu Dhabi in December and his visit with Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries to Russia in June, visit of Hon. Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Minister of Transport and Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports to Russia in September, visit of Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Development Coordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development to Tokyo in July, Qatar in December, India in October and his visit with Hon D.V.Chanaka, State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development to the UAE in March, visit of Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy to the UAE and Iran in September and to the UAE in November, visit of Hon. Marjan Faleel, Member of Parliament to Iran in August, are some visits to mention.

Significant high -level inward visits that took place during the period; visit of Hon. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan to Sri Lanka in February, visit of Hon. Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs in India in January, visit of Hon. Karen Andrews, Minister for Home Affairs of Australia in December, visit of General Wei Fenghe, Defence Minister of China in April, visit of H.E. Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of Russian Federation in November, visit of Foreign Secretary of India in October, visit of Mr. Khaled Khiari, UN Assistant- Secretary- General of the Department of Political, Peacebuilding, and Peace Operations in November, visit of Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army in October, visit of Mr. Tomoya Obokata, United Nations Special Rapporteur in November, and visit of Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, UN Assistant Secretary-General to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in December.

During this year, the Ministry strived to strengthen interactions with Heads of Missions based in Colombo through frequent engagements to bring our cooperation to a closer

level. To this effect, Hon.Prof. G.L. Peiris Foreign Minister hosted an interaction event for the Heads of Missions of Islamic States in Colombo with the presence of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister, who joined the occasion as Guest of Honour. Several Diplomatic briefings were also conducted by the Ministry during this period to inform the resident Diplomatic Corps of the key developments in Sri Lanka.

The past year also witnessed the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to open Sri Lanka Missions in Spain, Romania and a Consulate General office in Kolkata (India) and Chengdu (China) in future. In March 2021, Sri Lanka established diplomatic relations with Lichtenstein with a view to further expanding existing bilateral relations.

The Foreign Ministry, following careful consideration, has taken a decision to temporarily close three of its Missions/Posts overseas, i.e., the Sri Lanka High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria; the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Frankfurt, Germany; and the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Nicosia, Cyprus; with effect from 31 December 2021. The decision, which has received the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, is part of a restructuring process of Sri Lanka's network of Missions and Posts overseas carried out by the Foreign Ministry. The restructuring is undertaken with a view to conserving the much-needed foreign reserves and minimizing expenditure related to maintenance of Sri Lanka's Missions / Posts overseas, while ensuring effective conduct of bilateral relations, against the backdrop of the grave economic challenges posed by the global pandemic. Further, the Ministry has initiated a cadre rationalization exercise of its staff in the Missions and in the Ministry, which is now in progress.

Despite the pandemic, Sri Lanka managed to be a part of several Bilateral/Political Consultations and participate at some key meetings held during the period under consideration; 23rd Session of the EU-SL Joint Commission in January, 2nd Session of the Japan-Sri Lanka Policy Dialogue in February, 12th Session of Pakistan-Sri Lanka Joint Economic Commission in February, Sri Lanka-New Zealand Official Consultations in April, 1st Session of the bilateral consultations with the Foreign Ministry of Ethiopia in June, 2nd Joint Commission on Economic & Technical Cooperation with Turkey in June, Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Russia in June, 1st & 2nd rounds of the Trade Negotiating Committee for negotiating Bangladesh-Sri Lanka Preferential Trade Agreement 1st round held in June, 1st round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) with Germany in July, 7th Session of Joint Economic Trade Commission with China in September, EU-SL Working Group in Development Cooperation Meeting in October, Foreign Office Consultations(FOC) with Russia in October, India - Sri Lanka Joint Working Group in October, National Steering Committee Meetings towards Sri Lanka's preparations to present its 2nd compilation of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) in July, 2nd round in November, 1st round of Political Consultations with Bahrain in October are some to mention.

Sri Lanka's approach to multilateralism

During this period, Sri Lanka participated in multilateral diplomacy, particularly at the United Nations, where it seeks to promote sovereignty, independence and economic progress in the developing world. As a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Sri Lanka continues its active participation in the NAM and has upheld its international commitments as a responsible member of the international community and continues to engage with States as a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (as a dialogue partner), the Colombo Plan, and several other international organizations.

During the period under review, Sri Lanka continued to promote and protect human rights in line with the constitutional mandate and legal system and enhanced the ongoing and consistent engagement with international human rights obligations through the United Nations and the international community. Apart from participating in key UN Meetings, the Foreign Ministry, in coordination with relevant Ministries took action to respond to the Universal Periodical Review (UPR) and continued ongoing reporting obligations under 9 core UN Human Rights Treaties, EU – Sri Lanka Working Group on Human Rights, and kept the momentum on multilateral engagement in the areas of science and technology, socio-economic sphere, etc.

At the Human Rights Council (HRC), Sri Lanka briefed the Council on the progress of implementation of commitments that Sri Lanka had previously undertaken. The Ministry coordinated Sri Lanka's positions at the 48th HRC session in Geneva held in September 2021 where the Hon. Foreign Minister made a recorded statement. The Ministry also noted that in these efforts, one of the biggest challenges faced by Sri Lanka is to counter misinformation, to set the record straight, and to project an accurate, objective and truthful account of what has happened during the last phase of the conflict.

The Ministry actively engaged with the Ministry of Justice and other local line agencies and other relevant authorities such as Office on Missing Persons (OMP), Office for Reparations (OR), Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR) to ensure the reconciliation and human rights commitments. In order to meet Sri Lanka's international treaty obligations, the Foreign Ministry convened a stakeholder meeting on April 2021, with 20-line Ministries/agencies. Each agency was requested to nominate a focal point, to coordinate the GoSL responses with regard to 09 core Human Rights Treaties and 02 Optional Protocols.

Keeping in line with H.E the President's commitment to maintain an active interaction with civil society in the international human rights reporting obligations, the Ministry

held several consultations with civil society organizations under the stewardship of Hon. Foreign Minister. In November 2021, the NGO Secretariat was brought under the purview of the Foreign Ministry to ensure coherent coordination of all aspects related to civil society and its initiatives with governmental organizations. This is a manifestation of the concrete steps taken by the Government to address the concerns of the civil society in relation to social development as well as to engage them on human rights related issues. The Ministry also took active participation in the ongoing discussions on the revisiting of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) with relevant stakeholders and to ensure the revisions are in line with international protocols to which Sri Lanka has become a party to.

From a cultural diplomacy perspective, Sri Lanka chaired the 16th session of the 'Intergovernmental Committee Meeting on Intangible Cultural Heritage' in December 2021 in Paris where 'Dumbara Rata Kalala' making craft was inscribed as an intangible cultural heritage of the world. This is a key milestone for Sri Lankan traditional crafts and art.

Focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for betterment of Sri Lankans through multilateral engagement was intensified during the period under consideration. The Government has taken a conscious decision to give high priority on implementation of the SDGs. In this context, the Foreign Ministry played its role in the Steering Committee set up under the high-level Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee chaired by Hon. Prime Minister. It is also imperative to note that according to the Sustainable Development Report 2021, Sri Lanka has elevated its SDG index country rank by 7 positions in 2021 and is placed at the SDG index rank of 87 out of 165 countries in the world. Re-affirming Sri Lanka's unwavering commitment to remain engaged and foster international cooperation with a view to find transformative pathways to achieve sustainable development, the Foreign Ministry with SDG Council hosted 5th South Asian Forum on SDGs in coordination with UNESCAP in November 2021 under the theme "Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda". These positive achievements of SDGs for the year 2021, amid the number of socio-economic challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic indicates the level of commitment of the Government of Sri Lanka to progressively achieve the goals of 2030 Agenda.

From a disarmament perspective, this year, the Ministry received approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and called for observations on ratification of Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban which was signed in 1996.

Public diplomacy and countering information inimical to Sri Lanka's image

Sri Lanka continues to face the challenge of fighting misrepresentations and unfounded assertions in respect of the armed conflict that ended in 2009. From time to time

remnants of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and pro-LTTE fractions of Diaspora launched protests and movements in support of LTTE ideology and spew misinformation tarnishing the image of Sri Lanka. In this respect, the Foreign Ministry actively yet diplomatically addressed these issues inimical to Sri Lanka's national interests and effectively handled pressure from international actors on various issues through diplomatic measures.

During this period, the Ministry lodged strong protest against such action taking place in foreign soil. The Ministry coordinated the collective response against the pro-LTTE Tamil Diaspora induced Resolution 413, which was introduced on 18 May 2021 in the House of Representatives in the USA. The Ministry also strongly opposed and made representations to the Canadian Government on the Ontario Provincial Bill-104 on Tamil Genocide Education Week in Canada, and took action to educate the policy makers in these countries on the current positive developments in Sri Lanka, particularly in the areas of reconciliation and accountability.

Sri Lanka has continued to effectively counter the periodical pleas by remnants of LTTE and its supporters for lifting of the ban on LTTE and managed to uphold the de-listing of LTTE in the EU, and the UK.

In response to the European Parliament resolution on the situation in Sri Lanka in June 2021 and the observations of the GSP+ monitoring team from the European Union (EU) that visited Sri Lanka to review Sri Lanka's progress in implementing the 27 international conventions applicable under the Generalized System of Preferences Plus (GSP+) in September this year, Foreign Ministry submitted its observations on EU GSP+ Implementation Monitoring Process with the support of its Missions network and local stakeholders. Sri Lanka also took this opportunity to apprise the EU of the progress in reconciliation, review of Prevention of Terrorism Act, engagement with civil society, SDG 16 initiative, and Sri Lanka's cooperation in the Human Rights Council.

With a view to strengthening national security and building security networks, the Ministry in coordination with line agencies also developed bilateral, regional, international networks: some action such as facilitation of establishing focal points between Eurojust, initiation of a formal Working Arrangement with Europol, participation of Sri Lanka as an Observer in the Working Group meeting of the Counter IS Finance Group (CIFG) of the Global Coalition on International Security, participation of 2nd Summit of the Christchurch Call to Action to combat terrorism content and radicalization online, conclusion of bilateral MOUs with Bangladesh, the Philippines and Germany on terrorism cooperation, initiation of several capacity building programmes of local agencies, coordination of a strategy to combat terrorist content etc. are worthy of mention. Further, the Foreign Ministry coordinated Sri Lanka's position and engagement related to the Open-Ended Working Group on Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of International Security (OEWG) held in March 2021 in New York. Through strengthening of the Counter Terrorism &

International Security Division and Public Diplomacy Division with the support of a Strategic Communication Unit, the Ministry has also endeavored to strengthen its responsiveness to address any action against the integrity of Sri Lanka, taking place in foreign soil.

Sustainable Oceans and Environment

As an Island Nation, ranked 23 according to the Global Climate Risk Index 2000-2019, Sri Lanka has taken a position to pursue a proactive climate positive foreign policy.

Keeping in line with the vision of H.E the President, the Ministry also calibrated its action to project Sri Lanka as a country striving for green and sustainable solutions to climate change. During his visit with the Hon. Foreign Minister to Glasgow Scotland to participate at the UNFCCC CoP-26 summit in November, he emphasized the importance of committing to urgent global climate action by world leaders. The announcement of H.E the President that Sri Lanka would suspend building new coal energy capacity and target achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 was well-applauded by the international community. Further, as a signatory of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Sri Lanka has committed to generate 70% of energy supply from renewable sources by 2030.

The Ministry has taken part in international cooperation efforts on climate change and coordinated several initiatives in receiving development assistance for projects in environment related fields including infrastructure, livelihood development, governance, education, industry, energy, agriculture, human resources development, public administration. Initiatives such as the Mangrove Caretaker Programme - Pubudugama, Puttalam, leadership role taken by the Ministry to develop a National Submarine Cables Resilience and Protection Framework - coordinating matters related to Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP) are some significant achievements to mention. During this period, action was taken to have closer engagement with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) with concrete action being taken to designate a National Focal Point to liaise with the ISA Secretariat.

The Foreign Ministry also undertook a number of measures to meet the contemporary challenges in tackling environmental pollution caused by man-made disasters and collaborated in seeking assistance from foreign countries and organizations for matters pertaining to MV X-Press Pearl Ship Disaster that took place in 2021. The role played by the Foreign Ministry to coordinate international support in such crisis situations is of key importance for Sri Lanka.

Economic Diplomacy and Enhanced Regional Engagement

During the period under consideration, synergizing all attention on economic diplomacy to cater to the need of the hour, the Economic Diplomacy programme (EDP) of the Foreign Ministry was re-shaped to be in-sync with the National Policy Framework. The

State Ministry of Regional Cooperation dedicated to strengthen economic partnerships and regional economic co-operation, also took concrete action to expand the existing opportunities in trading, investment, labour markets whilst looking for new prospects with Asian and African countries to cultivate economic ties. Together both Ministries, embarked on a series of initiatives during 2021 to diversify export baskets and to expand and up-skill migrant labour/foreign employment in consultation with the line agencies and the Missions network.

Despite unfavorable and uncondusive situation created by the global pandemic for conducting effective promotional drives overseas, Sri Lanka Missions abroad facilitated trade promotional activities mainly on virtual platforms while the Ministry continued its practice of setting targets on tourism, trade (exports), foreign employment and investment to the Missions to reach realistic achievements. The Missions have been advised to encourage investments to the Port City, for areas where research & development focus is prominent. Our Missions have been re-gearred to aggressively support and facilitate Sri Lankan entrepreneurs to venture into foreign markets whilst consolidating already established markets.

Several measures taken by the Missions in cooperation with local stakeholders helped find new opportunities during these trying times which helped maintain industrial supply chains stable and open. These steps have assisted in creating resilience during these times of domestic economic recovery and social development.

From a multilateral economic diplomacy perspective, Sri Lanka also took leadership roles in several regional organizations and initiatives during this period. As the Chair of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Sri Lanka hosted the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on 1 April 2021 preceded by the Special Session of the Senior Officials Meeting. The Ministry also hosted 4 key meetings amongst others. During these meetings, key matters such as BIMSTEC Charter and Rationalization of Sectors and Sub-sectors of BIMSTEC were finalized. Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the 5th BIMSTEC Summit early 2022 where the Chairmanship will be handed over to Thailand.

During the period under review, Foreign Ministry as the focal point in Sri Lanka for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), assumed the post of Vice Chair of IORA for the period 2021/2023 at the 21st Council of Ministers Meeting in November 2021 where it called for collective action to safeguard maritime shipping lanes and ocean space from pollution related disasters. Further, the participation of Hon. Foreign Minister at the 5th Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2021 held in Abu Dhabi in December 2021 was significant in manifesting Sri Lanka's interest in playing a key role in the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka continued to play a key role in the area of Maritime Safety and Security as the lead country for the same and hosted the 02nd Meeting of the IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS) on 18 – 19 March 2021.

Sri Lanka virtually hosted the 47th Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Colombo Plan in August 2021, where Sri Lanka pledged to lead the subject area of 'Building Sustainable Green Cities and Increase Green Space' under the Environment and Climate Change Programme. Sri Lanka also attended the Colombo Plan Standing Committee Meeting and 304th Colombo Plan Council respectively in November and in December 2021.

Recognizing the role of Sri Lanka as a responsible labour sourcing country, Sri Lanka was mandated to lead discussions to build consensus for the appointment of the next Chair of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, where several rounds of deliberations yielded a successful outcome with labour-sending countries presenting a consensus candidate.

The Foreign Ministry directly and through its Missions in the UAE has facilitated Sri Lanka's participation at the world's largest international stage — Expo 2020 in Dubai, to interact with the host country, attract potential tourists, engage potential trade partners, investors and other participants and to showcase its beauty and rich heritage through cultural diplomacy.

People Centric Service Delivery and Rapid Response to COVID 19 Concerns of Overseas Sri Lankans

Despite the lockdowns imposed due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Consular Division of the Ministry remained mostly open to the public during 2021. Action was taken to decentralize service delivery by opening Regional Consular Offices in Kandy (26 February 2021), Trincomalee (13 March 2021) and Kurunegala (27 July 2021). This is in addition to the existing service points at Colombo- Head office, Jaffna and Matara offices. During the period under consideration, the Consular Division received a total income of Rs.92, 288,900 by authenticating 121,050 documents and 67,474 persons were provided consular services. Approximately Sri Lankan Rupees 178.5Mn has been recovered as compensation to distribute among 95 family members / victims during 2021.

The Overseas Sri Lanka Unit under this Division has been reinvigorated since February 2021 and entrusted with the responsibility of handling "Contact Sri Lanka" Online Portal, which was launched to facilitate the inquiries/requests of overseas Sri Lankans particularly their repatriation related matters during the pandemic period. The Division is now upgraded to a full-fledged independent Division.

In support of Overseas Sri Lankans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, a sum of SLRs 6.4 Million was disbursed by Foreign Ministry towards providing interim relief to Sri Lankans who were stranded in various parts of the world during the pandemic. The funds were spent on dry rations, internal transportation, temporary shelter, medication and in some cases air tickets.

In addition, the Ministry assisted negotiation of alternate employment opportunities for those who lost their employment; negotiations with respective Governments to provide relief measures, such as granting amnesties, regularizing of visas and waiver of penalties and fines etc; facilitating return/stay of foreign diplomats, and assistance for foreign nationals stranded due to travel restrictions; facilitating and canvassing for large amount of consignments of medicines, medical equipment, protective gear, vaccinations from all over the world through the Missions network. The 'vaccine diplomacy' initiatives from other countries bilaterally as well as through COVAX – facility with no cost to Sri Lanka were effectively coordinated by the Foreign Ministry in collaboration with other line agencies and several Heads of Missions.

Administrative and Finance Management of the Ministry and the Missions

Several administrative and financial processes were streamlined during the period under consideration to create a cost effective, accountable and employee friendly environment in the Foreign Ministry. Some of these measures included revision of Transfer Guidelines, streamlining transfers which allows the transfer process to be conducted bi-annually. Introduction of a selection process based on 'regional hardship categorization' amongst other conditions was introduced to create a fair distribution of placements amongst officers. The Ministry also took a firm policy decision on halting the practice of cross- postings or granting extensions over three years for all Home-based staff during this period.

The Ministry took action to streamline the education allowances granted to Home-Based staff of Missions abroad and a new Circular was issued with 25% payment by the officer for 2 children with a view to introducing a system of responsible burden sharing and introducing greater accountability. Through a Ministry Instruction Series Circular, action was taken to streamlining the requirement of return by the Home-Based officers posted to Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

With a view to uplifting the professionalism of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service Officers, the process of implementation of 16 Special Grade posts for SLFS in parallel to other Executive services is now being carried out. To increase the number of professional career diplomats in the service, a Gazette notification has been published to recruit SLFS officers through an open competitive examination since the last recruitment to the SLFS in 2018. The Gazettes are being finalized to conduct recruitment examinations for officers of Management Service Officers (MSO) and Personal Assistants to serve in Missions abroad.

During the period under consideration, appointments of thirty-one (31) Heads of Mission/Posts were processed and facilitated. Eight (08) nominations for HOM posts are in progress.

At present GOSL owns 46 properties in 26 Missions and action to expedite the development/renovation of properties owned by the GoSL in Canberra, Stockholm and Nairobi. Acquisition of properties for the Missions in Rome, Milan and Singapore is currently in progress.

In order to address some of the lacunae in human resources in Missions on specific subject areas and to strengthen to pool of experts supporting the Foreign Ministry, as advised by the Presidential Secretariat, the Ministry formalized administrative procedures to establish an International Cooperation Unit and a Strategic Communication Unit to blend external expertise with those of the Ministry officials to bring in new synergies to the Ministry apparatus.

Action is also being taken to relocate the Ministry under one roof at the earliest so that some of the Divisions would get the much needed office space for them to operate in a healthy working environment. This will also significantly reduce the rental costs for the current space occupied at a private property for housing Consular Affairs, Economic Affairs, Administration, Accounts and Audit Divisions.

The Ministry has taken several steps to curtail the expenditure of SL Missions/Posts abroad through careful and prudent utilization of limited resources by issuing internal circulars and guidelines to Missions/Posts during this year. Priority is given to reduce the cost of rental charges paid for chancery buildings, official residences and apartments of Home-Based officers through maximum utilization of Government owned properties and by exploring novel options such as acquisition of properties through mortgages and /or outright purchase, where possible etc. Due to foreign exchange shortages, the representational allowance extended to Diplomatic officers was temporarily suspended to reduce the recurrent expenditure.

The Ministry is looking at the possibilities to further reduce its recurrent expenditure through effective application of information technology, digitalization of certain work processes of Missions/Posts such as online accounting packages, inventory management software etc,. However due to certain teething problems the progress has been slower than expected levels. Nevertheless, the Ministry will continue to look for new alternatives to simplify existing processes, and reduce expenditure and enhance human resources capacity through use of digitalised processes in its future activities. It will ensure that within the available resources, the Ministry and its Missions network continues to optimally implement the Foreign Policy of the country with utmost dedication and commitment.

In conclusion, during 2021, the Foreign Ministry was able to bolster the priorities of the foreign policy of the Government by promoting and safeguarding the national interests of the country and catering to the needs of Overseas Sri Lankans, notwithstanding the challenges resulting from the global pandemic of the COVID19 and the contractions of the economies worldwide.

Foreign Ministry's Response to Covid 19 Pandemic

Foreign Ministry established a COVID - 19 Focal Point in March 2020 to facilitate repatriation and welfare of Sri Lankans affected by Covid-19 abroad, coordination and clearance of medical equipment and vaccines purchased or donated, providing relevant information on matters relating to foreign countries including recognition of vaccine certificates.

COVID - 19 Focal Point operates hotlines to provide information to Sri Lankans on foreign travel requirements and other related queries.

SLRs 6.4 Million was disbursed by the Foreign Ministry towards providing interim relief to Sri Lankans who were stranded during the pandemic in 2021 from the Ministry Covid vote. The funds were spent on dry rations, internal transportation, temporary shelter, medication and for air tickets in some cases.

Foreign Ministry through Sri Lanka Missions abroad facilitated repatriation by registering returnees and coordinating special flights. For the 2021, over 116,000 Sri Lankans were repatriated.

The Ministry through Sri Lanka Missions overseas has facilitated vaccine donations. Total of 7.9 million of doses of vaccines donated by China, India (USA, Japan, the EU through COVAX facility). It has also facilitated supply of donated and purchased medical equipment and pharmaceuticals. To date, Ministry has facilitated more than 130 consignments of medical equipment and essential drugs to the Covid-19 wards and ICUs of government hospitals received from Sri Lankans living abroad, foreign governments, non-governmental organizations, and well-wishers.

The Ministry has coordinated with foreign governments on matters relating to entry requirements for Sri Lankans, removal of travel restrictions and mutual recognition of Vaccine Certificates. Sri Lanka has so far recognized COVID - 19 Vaccine certificates of 77 countries.

The Ministry facilitated cash donations which were collected by the Sri Lanka Missions Abroad from well-wishers and credited to "ITUKAMA" Covid Fund established Presidential Secretariat. Total contribution in 2021 is LKR 15 million.

This Ministry with assistance of Sri Lanka Missions abroad prepared a comprehensive information guide on COVID-19 vaccines required for overseas travel by Sri Lankans and provides a regular update to all relevant line Ministries and this was continually updated for June to December 2021.

This Ministry has facilitated COVID-19 vaccination for members of the diplomatic Corps and representatives of International Organizations based in Colombo during this period.

The Ministry is currently coordinating with Sri Lanka Embassy in Beijing on the establishment of a vaccine refilling plant in Sri Lanka.

Consular Services of the Ministry

The Consular Affairs Division in accordance with the Consular Functions Act No. 04 of 1981 and the subsequent amendment of Act No. 18 of 2006 assists Sri Lankan citizens who reside both in the country and abroad through Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions and its Regional Consular Offices in Jaffna, Matara, Kandy, Trincomalee and Kurunegala. The Consular Affairs Division provides its consular services through five Sections, namely, Document Authentication, Repatriation, Compensation, Death abroad and Miscellaneous.

Kandy, Trincomalee and Kurunegala Regional Consular Offices were opened on 26 February 2021, 13 March 2021 and 27 July 2021 respectively in order to provide consular assistance for citizens in the respective areas and their suburbs.

A total income of SLRs.176,667,700/= was received by the Consular Division by authenticating 226,033 documents and 122,468 persons were served during the period under review.

This Division had several discussions to integrate the electronic Document Attestation System (e-DAS) with the Department of Registrar General's and Department of Examinations to facilitate efficient attestation of Birth, Marriage Death Certificates and O/L & A/L examination certificates. In addition, several discussions were held with Sri Lanka Police, Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) to explore the possibility of authenticating Police Clearance and Police Reports online in order to provide efficient services to foreign job seekers.

Approximately SLRs. 276.4Million has been recovered to distribute among 138 family members/victims as compensation/blood money and other dues, during this period, with the assistance of Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

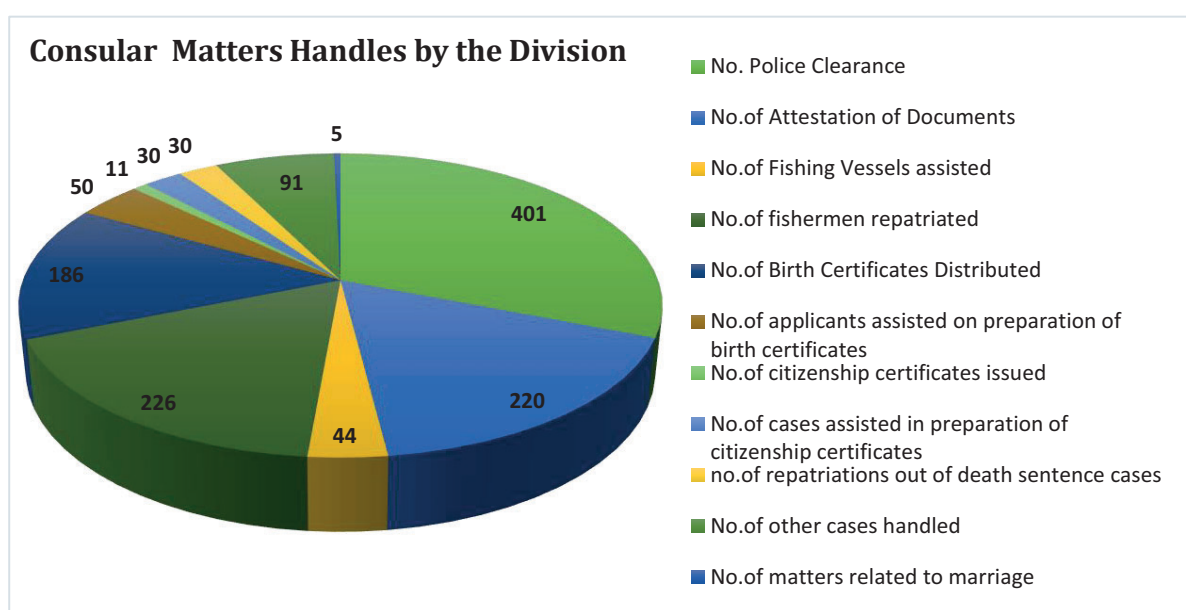
A total number of 702 deaths (including 149 COVID and 571 Non-COVID deaths) were reported to the Death Section and facilitated to repatriate/bury or cremate human remains with the consent of the Next of Kin (NOK). Death Section assisted obtaining local death certificates and other related documents to deaths and personal belongings of the deceased Sri Lankans through the Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

The Repatriation Section of the Division directly deals with Sri Lanka Missions abroad and local authorities to repatriate the Sri Lankans who stranded/detained abroad with the request of their NOK. During the period, there were 878 repatriation cases including 85 jail cases. During the above period, several cases of Sri Lankan fishermen and fishing vessels apprehended abroad or outside Sri Lanka's territorial waters had been attended and assisted for the release of fishermen and vessels. The Division also facilitated repatriation requests of stranded/destitute Sri Lankans who left Sri Lanka for the

purpose of employment, without registration of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) and Sri Lankans detained under foreign custody.

During the period under review, this Division facilitated processing of 150 applications under Readmission Case Management System (RCMS) for failed asylum seekers facilitating them to return to Sri Lanka.

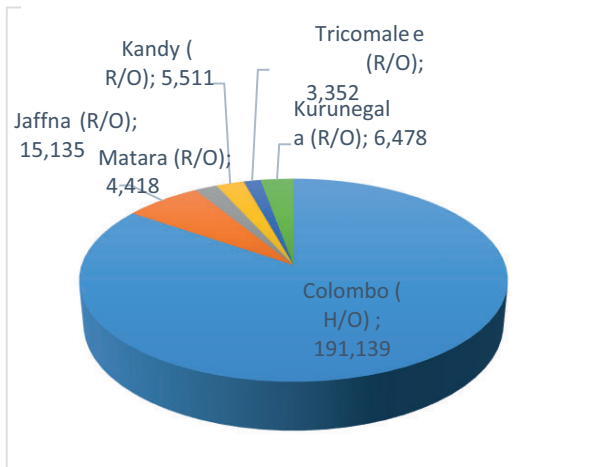
Various consular matters were handled by the Miscellaneous Section of this Division including, Police Clearance Certificates, Passport matters, verification of foreign degree certificates, assistance for Sri Lankan Pensioners abroad, assistance for obtaining Sri Lankan driving license abroad, assisting fishing vessels to be released, repatriation of stranded fishermen, distribution of Birth Certificates, assistance with regard to Citizenship Certificates, Death Sentence cases, etc.



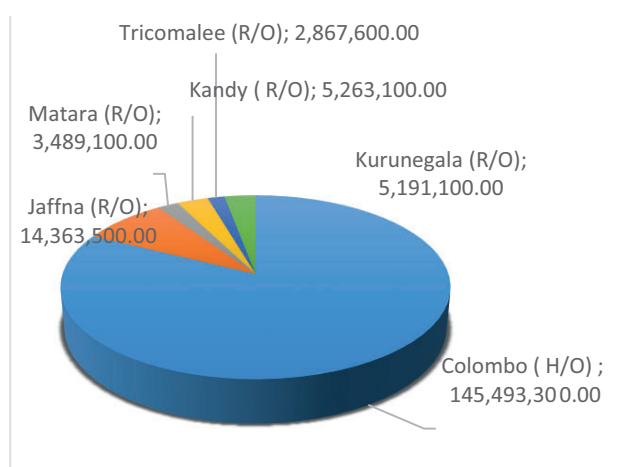
Consular Documents Verification Report- 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021

Consular Office	No. of Documents Handled	No. of Persons Served	Revenue Generated (Rs.)
Colombo (H/O)	191,139	99,308	145,493,300.00
Jaffna (R/O)	15,135	7,886	14,363,500.00
Matara (R/O)	4,418	3,428	3,489,100.00
Kandy (R/O)	5,511	4,835	5,263,100.00
Tricomalee (R/O)	3,352	2,651	2,867,600.00
Kurunegala (R/O)	6,478	4,360	5,191,100.00
Total	226,033	122,468	176,667,700.00

No. of Documents Handled in each Consular Office



Revenue Generated



Overseas Sri Lankans Division

The Overseas Sri Lankans Division was set up since February 2021 with the responsibility of handling “Contact Sri Lanka” Online Portal, launched to facilitate the inquiries/requests of overseas Sri Lankans particularly their repatriation related matters during the pandemic period. The Division managed to respond over 1800 inquiries / requests received to the “Contact Sri Lanka” Online Portal during the period from February–September 2021. In addition, this Division has facilitated direct inquiries/requests received and through regional consular offices. Over 850 such inquiries/ requests have been answered during the period.

This Division has collected information with regard to Sri Lankans in jails/detention camps, Sri Lankan community/business associations, religious and cultural organizations led by overseas Sri Lankans to set up a database. Some of this information is intended to promote collaborative interaction with development activities in Sri Lanka.

For this purpose, this Division identified key Missions to hold virtual meetings with Hon. Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary. The first meeting of this discussion series was virtually held on 01July2021 for Hon. Foreign Minister to interact with religious, business and community leaders in Singapore and Brunei Darussalam.

This Division has also coordinated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Colombo to extend possible assistance for migrant workers who returned to Sri Lanka due to COVID-19 pandemic in providing required training and other assistance. To develop a centralized database in this regard, has been circulated among relevant Divisions of the Ministry, stakeholders and it is expected to be completed by 30 June 2022.

GLOBAL OUTREACH - HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

Inward visit of Foreign Dignitaries to Sri Lanka from January to December 2021

Heads of States/PMs

01	Visit of His Excellency Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Sri Lanka from 23 to 24 February 2021
02	Private visit of His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solihi, President of the Republic of Maldives from 23-24 July 2021
03	Official visit of His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solihi, President of the Republic of Maldives from 8-9 November 2021
04	Visit of His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb, Worldwide Spiritual Leader of Dawoodi Bohra Community from 2 November 2021
05	Visit of His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solihi, President of the Republic of Maldives from 30 December 2021-02 January 2022

Foreign Ministers & Deputy Foreign Ministers

01	Visit of Hon. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India from 05 to 07 January 2021
02	Visit of Hon. Mohamed Qureshi, Foreign Minister of Pakistan on 24 February 2021

Other Ministers

01	Visit of General Wei Fenghe, State Councilor and Defense Minister of the People's Republic of China from 27 to 29 April 2021
02	Visit of Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth of the UK from 24 to 26 May 2021
03	Visit of Hon. Karen Andrews, Minister of Home Affairs of Australia from 18 to 21 December 2021

Outward visits of Sri Lanka - H.E. the president, Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Foreign Minister and Hon. State Minister from January to December 2021

H.E the President

No	Country	Duration	Purpose
1	New York, USA	18-26 September 2021	Official visit to attend 76th Session of United Nations General Assembly
2	United Kingdom, Scotland	30 October- 03 November	Official visit to attend the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26)
3	United Arab Emirates	03-06 December 2021	Official visit to attend the 5 th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)

Hon. Prime Minister

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1	Bangladesh	19-20 March 2021	State Visit
2	Italy	10-16 September 2021	To attend the G20 Interfaith Forum, Bolongo

Hon. Foreign Minister

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5	UAE	07 December 2021	5 th Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2021

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW: DIVISIONS WITH CROSS CUTTING AREAS**United Nations and Human Rights Division**

Sri Lanka's Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York, Geneva, and the Embassies / Permanent Delegations accredited to the affiliated agencies of the UN in Vienna, Paris, Rome, Nairobi, Bangkok and in the Hague come under the purview of this Division in the context of **Sri Lanka's multilateral relations**.

76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) - New York, September 2021

The Ministry made both substantive and logistical arrangements for the participation of the Sri Lanka delegation headed by H.E. the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the High-Level Segment of the 76th Session of the UNGA in September 2021. H.E. the President addressed the High – Level segment of the UN General Assembly on 22 September 2021, and also participated in the UN Food Systems Summit and UN High – Level Dialogue on Energy held on 23 and 24 September 2021, on the sidelines of the 76th UNGA. He held bilateral consultations with the UN Secretary – General H.E. António Guterres, Prime Minister of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al Sabah, the President

of Republic of Latvia H.E. Mr. Egils Levits, and President of Maldives H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

Hon. Foreign Minister accompanying H.E. the President to the High Level Segment of the 76th UNGA, held bilateral consultations with his counterparts from Australia, India, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua, Thailand, South Africa, Indonesia, as well as the Minister of Industry & Advanced Technology of the UAE and Minister of State for South Asia & the Commonwealth of the United Kingdom. He also held bilateral meetings with the Secretary-General of Commonwealth, Secretary-General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Executive Director of CICA and the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN.

Reconciliation and Human Rights:

UN Human Rights Council, Geneva (46th, 47th and 48th Sessions)

The Division coordinated Sri Lanka's continued engagement with all Members of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and all UN Member States at officials, ministerial and Head of State level to seek support for Sri Lanka's position at UNHRC.

Coordination of Sri Lanka's positions at the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva held in March (46th session) and June (47th session) and September – 2021 (48th Session) was also carried out by the Division.

During the 46th Session and the 48th Session of the HRC, Hon. Foreign Minister delivered Sri Lanka statement as the country concerned, when the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and her oral update on Sri Lanka were presented to the HRC respectively.

During the March, June and September Sessions of the HRC Sri Lanka made a number of interventions and co-sponsored 46 joint statements and 13 Resolutions.

Following the 46th Session of the HRC, a coordination process on human rights and reconciliation was initiated, co-chaired by Hon. Foreign Minister and Hon. Minister of Justice. The Division coordinated 3 Joint Meetings which were held at the Foreign Ministry with the participation of the domestic institutions including OMP, OR, ONUR, HRCSL and SDG Council. *(Note on progress made by GoSL on human rights and reconciliation is annexed- Note I)*

Treaty Bodies and UN Special Procedures Mandate Holders:

Sri Lanka will continue to fulfil its on-going reporting obligations under 9 core UN Human Rights Treaties.

- In April 2021, stakeholder consultations were convened to coordinate reporting obligations under 9 core Human Rights Treaties and other multilateral disarmament treaties.
- Preparations are underway for the submission of a number of reports/reviews of these Treaties, including the review of Sri Lanka's 6th Periodic Report under the ICCPR which is tentatively scheduled to be held in March 2022 and submission of Sri Lanka's 9th Periodic Report under the CEDAW.

In 2020, the GoSL has expressed agreement to receive visits to Sri Lanka by two Special Procedure Mandate Holders, namely the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education and the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, including its Causes and Consequences.

The Division coordinated the visit to Sri Lanka of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery including its Causes and Consequences, Mr. Tomoya Obokata, from 26th November to 3 December 2021.

European Union (EU)- Sri Lanka Working Group on Human Rights

Division participated at the 5th Meeting of the EU-SL working Group on Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights held on 29 September 2021.

Division updated the EU delegation on the progress made by domestic institutions in terms of human rights and reconciliation, cooperation with the Human Rights Council, including treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Division coordinates the participation from Foreign Ministry in the National Steering Committee and Technical Committee meetings held on SDGs.

The Division assisted the Sustainable Development Council in organising the 5th South Asia Forum on Sustainable Development Goals which was held in Colombo from 15-17 November 2021, in coordination with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission's (UNESCAP) South and South West Asia Office, under the theme "Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda".

The Division contributed to the initial discussions representing Foreign Ministry at the National Steering Committee Meetings towards Sri Lanka's preparations to present its 2nd compilation of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the status of

implementation of the SDGs in Sri Lanka which will be presented to the United Nations High Level Political Forum on SDGs in July 2021.

Disarmament:

Keeping with Sri Lanka's longstanding commitment towards multilateral disarmament efforts, the Division continued to engage with the respective Sri Lanka Missions, regards Sri Lanka's participation in, and the Government's position on the disarmament meetings held in year 2021, mainly in Geneva, as well as deliberations in the First Committee of the UNGA in New York, including at the Conference on Disarmament, Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Anti – Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Meeting of Experts of Biological Weapons Convention, Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

A stakeholder meeting on Anti – Personnel Mine Ban Convention was held at this Ministry on 29 April 2021, to review the pending issues related to Convention implementation. Representatives from Ministry of Defence, Attorney General's Department, Legal Draftsman's Department, Sri Lanka Army, National Mine Action Centre, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, and the Disability Secretariat participated at the meeting. Drawing from the meeting, the following steps were taken with regard to implementation of Sri Lanka's obligations under the Anti – Personnel Mine Ban Convention:

- i. Submission of the Annual Transparency Report on 18 June 2021.
- ii. Sri Lanka destroyed the last remaining stocks of 11,840 land mines on 24 August 2021, almost a year ahead of the Art 4 deadline under the Anti –Personnel Mine Ban Convention and a joint press release was issued with the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Convention in Geneva on this achievement.
- iii. On 6 September 2021 the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the Prohibition of Anti –Personnel Mines Bill to be gazetted, and to subsequently to submit to the Parliament.
- iv. Steps are being taken to organise a ceremonial event to mark the destruction of all Anti – Personnel mines, with the participation of international partners, and to provide due publicity to Sri Lanka's achievements in this regard.

The Division took the lead in formulating Sri Lanka's positions relating to the Resolutions /Decisions presented at the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) of the 76th UNGA.

The Cabinet of Ministers on 20 December 2021 approved the Cabinet Paper submitted by Hon. Foreign Minister for Sri Lanka to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Observations were called for Sri Lanka's ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) which was signed in 1996.

The Division has also commenced a review of Sri Lanka's position with regard to the Disarmament Treaties that Sri Lanka is yet to become party to. In addition to outlining GoSL positions on various agenda items, the Division made preparations for Sri Lanka to make statements on Youth and Disarmament and Women and Disarmament at the Conference on Disarmament during its sessions in 2021.

Multilateral Engagement in Science and Technology:

Sri Lanka's engagement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is coordinated by the Division. Sri Lanka participated at the IAEA Board of Governors held from 7 -11 June 2021 and 65th Session of the IAEA General Conference held from 20-24 September 2021.

The Division also coordinated the work related to the virtual stakeholder consultations with IAEA experts on Phase 1 - Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review Mission (INIR) to Sri Lanka held from 25-26 August. The purpose of INIR is to assess the feasibility of adopting nuclear energy in Sri Lanka.

The Division also coordinated Sri Lanka's position and engagement related to the Open Ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of ICTs in the Context of International Security (OEWG) held in March 2021, and from 13 -17 December 2021 in New York.

Multilateral Engagement in Socio-economic Sphere

The Division continues to coordinate Sri Lanka's engagement in the multilateral fora that promotes international cooperation in the socio –economic spheres.

In addition to regular engagement with these fora, the Division coordinated the following high -level representations from Sri Lanka;

- i. Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO): Participation of H.E. the President at the 48th Session of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS 48) agroecology event held virtually at the FAO on 03 June 2021 in Rome.
- ii. UN Food System Summit: Participation of H.E. the President at the Pre-Summit held in UN Food Systems Summit held virtually from 26-28 July 2021 in Rome and the main Summit held on the margins of the 76th UNGA on 23 September 2021.
- iii. Non-Aligned Movement (NAM): Participation of Hon. Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka at the General Debate of the Mid-term Ministerial Conference (online) of the NAM held on 13-14 July 2021 in New York.
- iv. World Health Organisation: Participation of Hon. Health Minister at the 74th World Health Assembly held virtually in May 2021 and Sri Lanka's representation at other WHO meetings, including discussions on COVID -19 related discussions.

- v. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC): Participation of Hon. Foreign Minister at the High-Level Segment of the ECOSOC 2021 Session, and participation of Foreign Secretary at the General Debate of the ECOSOC 2021 session held virtually from 13 to 16 July 2021 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- vi. World Youth Skills Day celebration: Participation of Hon. State Minister for Regional Cooperation at the Youth Skills Day held on 15 July 2021 at Sri Lanka Embassy in Beijing.

The Division also contributed to the initial discussions related to development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023-2027 for Sri Lanka. The Division represents the Foreign Ministry at 1st Joint National High-Level Steering Committee Meeting held on 02 July 2021, and at subsequent working level meetings.

Sri Lanka's engagement with the United Nations Organisation for Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) was continued in year 2021, with participation of Sri Lanka coordinated by this Division at the meetings in the areas of the drug trafficking, crime prevention, addressing corruption, smuggling as well as on cybercrime.

Sri Lanka received an amount of USD 91,212 from the World Heritage Fund of UNESCO as International Assistance to repair and strengthen the staircases to the frescos, the visitor platform, the wind corridor metal bridge and the fragmented rock slabs of the lion staircase of the Sigiriya Rock of the Ancient City of Sigiriya in August 2021.

UNESCO offered Sri Lanka the turn to host the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Sessions on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Colombo in December 2021.

Sri Lanka was elected President of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Science and Technology Governing Council for a 3year term from September 2021.

The Division coordinated Sri Lanka's participation (Hon. Foreign Minister) at the 45th Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (virtual) on 30 November 2021, in New York.

The Division coordinated matters relating to Sri Lanka's chairing of the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting Sessions on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Paris in December 2021. The 'Dumbara Rata Kalala' making craft of Sri Lanka was inscribed as an intangible cultural heritage of the world during this session.

1. Candidatures:

The Division continued to coordinate Sri Lanka's efforts towards maintained friendly relationships with UN Member States by supporting candidatures proposed by other States to various positions at UN and other International Organisations. Accordingly, the Division processed Sri Lanka's support for over 325 votes cast at 45 multilateral

elections held at the UPU, ISO, IUCN, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers (CMW), Economic and Social Council (EcoSoC), UN Security Council, International Labour Organization (ILO), CED, OPCW, CTBTO, ASOSAI, Convention against Torture (CAT), IOPCF, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), IMO, AALCO etc. during the year 2021. The Division also entered into reciprocal support arrangements for Sri Lanka's candidatures to the International Labour Commission (ILC), Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

2. UN Officials' Visits

The Division coordinated the following visits of high-level UN officials in 2021, at the invitation of the GoSL:

The visit of Mr. Khaled Khiari, UN Assistant Secretary- General of the Department of Political, Peacebuilding, and Peace Operations from 23-25 November 2021; and

the visit of Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, UN Assistant Secretary-General to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific from 13-17 December 2021.

NOTE I

Update on Progress made on human rights and reconciliation

Office on Missing Persons

1. The Office on Missing Persons (OMP) continues to operate with financial provisions allocated for its statutory functions. The Commissioners have been appointed based on their expertise and experience, who have taken measures to expedite the OMP's work.
2. The OMP has decided to accelerate the process to assess the records of 6025 applications/files as Phase 1 (cases between 2000-2001) referring to three major factors;
 - (i) Incidents of missing persons that have occurred most recently;
 - (ii) Incidents in which there is substantial evidence already available; or
 - (iii) Such incidents that are, in the opinion of the OMP, of public importance.
3. 2500 complaints were translated and assessment for the interim report inquiry process already commenced. This includes 68 complaints which were issued with interim reports. All the regional coordinators of the OMP have been directed to meet and inquire from the Grama Niladhari and local Police station on the above complaints and they were instructed to update on the following;
 - whether the applicant has lodged any complaints made in the past;

- whether the officials or the authorities have carried out any investigations or inquiries; if so the details; and
- Whether the officials have collected or gathered any material evidence, if so to obtain such copies.

Office for Reparations (OR)

4. The **Office for Reparations (OR)** processed 5964 claims in 2021 as at 31st December 2021. During 2021, the OR has received a total sum of LKR 399.8 million for the payment of compensation and the entire allocation was utilized for the payment of compensation.
5. The policies and guidelines for the grant of reparation under the OR Act no. 34 of 2018 were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 17 August 2021. This completes the statutory process and provides the basis for the programme of work of the OR, based on the core principles in the OR Act. The Reparations Policy will be submitted to Parliament.

Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR)

6. The Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR) continues to execute its mandate under 8 thematic areas with a view to building national unity and reconciliation.
7. The ONUR organized its first international research conference under the theme 'Resolving difference through understanding sustainable peace, security and reconciliation in the modern society' from 30 to 31 October 2021. The objective of the conference was to bring together leading academics, researchers and research scholars, professionals to exchange and share their experiences, ideas, information and research results related to issues of peace building, sustainable peace, rights and responsibilities of citizens, reconciliation and security in modern multi-cultural society. It provided a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted.

SDG 16

8. According to the Sustainable Development Report 2021, Sri Lanka is showing steady progress in achieving the SDGs. Sri Lanka's global rank on SDG achievements has increased by 7 positions and is placed at 87th place out of 15 countries in 2021.
9. A consultation of NGOs and Civil Society took place in the SDG – 16 meeting on 13th December 2021, co-convened by the Ministry of Justice and the Sustainable Development Council. The consultation reflected on achievements, challenges and the reform process initiated by the Ministry under seven priority areas. Key decisions taken were to nominate civil society representatives for SDG 16 sub-

committees, to follow up on Open Government Partnership, to conduct a separate meeting with the ONUR and the Integration Division to design programs and to take action to ratify the ILO Convention C190-Violence and Harassment Convention.

Presidential Commission of Inquiry

10. The Presidential Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice Nawaz, a sitting judge of the Supreme Court, is in the process of finalizing its second interim report to be submitted soon to the President of Sri Lanka.
11. The Commission has been holding Public Sitzings at the BMICH in the presence of journalists and its proceedings have been open to the public for a long time from the time of its inception. So far, the Commission has its public sittings in Colombo, Jaffna and Kilinochchi. More than 100 witnesses have testified before the Commission at these public sittings.

Engagement with the Civil Society

12. For decades, the civil society has been an important partner for Sri Lanka's progress in matters related to social and human development as well as human rights issues. The Government has maintained an active interaction with civil society in our international human rights reporting obligations. The Foreign Minister is engaged in a continuing process in this regard. At a recent meeting, civil society expertise was solicited to contribute to the process of reconciliation and implementation of the SDG 16 through engagement with the ONUR and the steering committee on SDG 16.
13. As per the provisions of the Extra-ordinary Gazette notification no. 2254/30 dated 17 November 2021, the functions, powers and administration of the National NGO Secretariat has been placed as an institution under the scope of the Foreign Ministry.

Revisiting the PTA

14. The GoSL has obtained approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 10 January 2022 to propose amendments to key provisions in the PTA, bringing it in line with international norms and best practices. The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was given on 25 January 2022 to gazette the Bill containing the proposed amendments and thereafter to table the Bill in the Parliament for final approval. This process is expected to be completed expeditiously. This is the first major amendment to the PTA since its enactment 42 years ago.
15. Speedy disposal of cases under the PTA is also taking place. Further, the President, exercising his powers in terms of Article 34 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka has granted pardon to sixteen (16) LTTE cadres convicted and serving sentence, under the PTA.

Economic Affairs Division

Bilateral & Economic Diplomacy, Technical Cooperation Section

The Economic Affairs Division is entrusted with activities related to bilateral, multilateral and technical cooperation. The Division closely coordinated the areas of trade, investment, technical cooperation, tourism, tea promotion and development assistance with relevant Government agencies in order to ensure benefits for Sri Lanka through the conduct of bilateral and multilateral relations with other countries and organizations. Under the Economic Diplomacy Program, one of the main activities of the Division, the Missions are assigned with economic targets to be achieved during the year.

Despite unfavorable and uncondusive situation created by the global pandemic for conducting effective promotional drives, the Division facilitated many trade promotional activities during the period under review which included following major events among many others.

The export targets given to the Missions in respect of the year 2021;

The total export target for 2021 is USD 15.72 billion which represents merchandise exports of USD 12.14 billion and services of USD 3.5 billion. During the period January – November 2021, Sri Lanka has achieved merchandise exports to the value of USD 11.11 billion, despite the limitations due to pandemic and disturbance in supply chain.

Setting Export Targets for the period 2021 – 2025 to selected Missions for promotion of Ceylon Tea in collaboration with Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) and providing Market Communication Plans (MCPs) to facilitate the efforts of respective Missions in achieving the given targets. The Export Targets for 2022 has been already circulated to the Missions/ Posts.

The Ministry, together with the Securities and Exchanges Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC), launched a series of virtual meetings in April 2021, enabling the Missions to assist the SEC to determine the approach that should be taken to showcase/promote Sri Lanka, and identify the types of investors and methods to approach investors. 13 meetings were held.

Facilitated the participation in ICT Spring Europe 14 - 15 September 2021 in Luxembourg and 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE), 05-10 November 2021 in China and provided necessary funding under the Economic Diplomacy Budget.

Coordinated with the DOC and the Ministry of Trade on Sri Lanka's participation in the Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan.

The Division hosted and participated at a large number of virtual meetings/webinars on trade, tourism and investment promotion. 34 virtual meetings were held.

Coordinated and actively participated in the 07th Session of the Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation between Sri Lanka and China held virtually on 24 September 2021.

The Division actively participated in various meetings on economic, trade, tourism and foreign employment promotion organized by respective line agencies. In addition, the Division facilitated many trade/economic cooperation MoUs and Agreements bridging the line agencies, Sri Lanka Missions abroad and Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Colombo and also provided economic-related inputs for bilateral visits and bilateral political/economic cooperation sessions with participation.

30 worldwide tenders/procurements of various governmental institutes such as Sri Lanka Airlines Ltd, Ministry of Health, National Water Supply and Drainage Board Sri Lanka Tourism, Ministry of Defence, Peoples Bank, Ceylon Electricity Board etc., were channeled to the Missions abroad for necessary publicity.

Settlement of 15 trade-related disputes and 55 Entry visas and 2 cases of Residence Visas of staff of Colombo based offices of international financial/development agencies were also facilitated by the Division during the period of review.

Represented the Ministry in Advisory Boards of Export Development Board (EDB) and Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB).

The Division has actively participated in the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) negotiations between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and discussions on formulation of the National Trade Policy of Sri Lanka.

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters was signed on 26 November 2021.

Facilitated cooperation with Sri Lanka Embassy in Brazil and Coconut Development Authority to expand exporting of king coconut water to Brazil.

Virtual Meeting between National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM) and the Representatives of Sri Lanka Boat and Ship Building Industry was held on the 11 October 2021 in collaboration of Sri Lanka High Commission in Maldives and Export Development Board of Sri Lanka to enhance the sectors of boat building, docking, spare parts supply and training of crew for leisure boating industry between Sri Lanka and Maldives.

The Division facilitated the Pakistani High Commission in Colombo for 33rd RCCI international Achievement Awards and Business Opportunities Conference held on 23 November 2021 at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo to enhance the business opportunities between Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

The Division coordinated and actively participated when Trade and Investment delegation from South Indian Power Loom Federation visited Sri Lanka from 22 to 25 November 2021 and had meetings with Hon. Foreign Secretary, BOI Officials, Office Bearers and Stake holders of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Virtual Meeting on Tourism Promotion with Hon. Foreign Minister and Hon. Minister of Tourism was held on 01 December 2021. As a result, updated the Mission websites and linked the same to Sri Lanka Tourism and Hello Again, with a view to provide the latest information to the intended travelers.

Technical Cooperation

Procurement: Facilitated 30 Procurement Notices Internationally of the institutions such as Sri Lankan Airlines, Ministry of Defence, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Information and Communication Technology Agency, State Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Sri Lanka Navy, National Insurance Trust Fund, Sri Lanka Ports Authority etc.

Visa Category: Recommended 33 Entry Visas and 12 Resident Visas for the institutions such as JICA, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Monetary Fund etc.

Economic Affairs (Multilateral)

The multilateral section of the Economic Affairs Division engages with international, intergovernmental and regional organizations to formulate Sri Lanka's policy positions at these fora in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to strengthen multilateral cooperation and follows up on commitments undertaken by the government internationally.

The Division acts as the focal point in Sri Lanka for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). The Division participated in/facilitated 57 related meetings. Sri Lanka assumed the position of Vice Chair of IORA at the 21st Council of Ministers' Meeting (COM), held from 15-17 November 2021 in Dhaka, which was attended by Hon. Foreign Minister. The Foreign Ministry officials also attended the 23rd Committee of Senior Official Meeting (CSO) held back to back with the COM. During this session, Sri Lanka was endorsed as the coordinating country for the Institutional Arrangements and Broadening Engagement (IABE) for the Second IORA Action Plan for 2022-2026. The GoSL hosted the Ad-hoc Working Group (AHWG) concerning the eligibility and criteria for selecting the new Secretary-General of IORA on 8, 14, 23, 24 & 28 June 2021 and submitted the final report to IORA Secretary on 30 June 2021.

In IORA, Sri Lanka continues to coordinate the Maritime Safety and Security cluster group while actively participating in the Disaster Risk Management (DMR), Tourism and Cultural Exchanges (TEC), Blue Economy (BE) and Fisheries Management (FM) Groups.

The Division also facilitated the participation of officials in 27 meetings/working groups/ capacity building, including annual Commission Sessions of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP). Sri Lanka hosted the 5th South Asia Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals, from 15-16 November 2021 (First International Forum held in Sri Lanka in the post COVID situation) and Policy Dialogue on Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia in November, 2021, in Colombo, in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Council of Sri Lanka.

As the Chair of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Sri Lanka hosted key meetings where the BIMSTEC Charter, Rationalization of Sectors and Sub-sectors of BIMSTEC, MoU on Mutual Cooperation between Diplomatic Academies/Training Institutions of the BIMSTEC Member States and the Template of the Memorandum of Association (MoA) on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Centres/Entities were finalized. Sri Lanka hosted the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on 1 April 2021 preceded by the Special Session of the Senior Officials Meeting. The Division facilitated the participation of officials in 8 BIMSTEC meetings. On 28-29 October, Sri Lanka hosted 6th Meeting of the BIMSTEC Sub-Group on Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals from 28-29 October 2021.

BIMSTEC Secretary General visited Sri Lanka during 05-10 December 2021 and had courtesy calls on H.E the President, Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Foreign Minister, Hon. Health Minister, Hon. State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development & Community Health and Hon. State Minister of Skills Development Vocational Education Research and Innovation. The 5th BIMSTEC Summit is proposed to be held on the 30th March 2022 in Colombo in a hybrid format. Sri Lanka also participated in the Sector basis Meetings hosted by other Member States.

Sri Lanka hosted the 47th Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Colombo Plan from 10-12 August 2021, virtually. In line with the recommendations made in Sri Lanka's country theme paper to the CCM, Sri Lanka pledged to lead the subject area of Building Sustainable Green Cities and Increase Green Space under the Environment and Climate Change Programme of the Colombo Plan with the aim of sharing best practices and expertise among member states. GoSL nominated Ambassador Grace Asirwatham as Sri Lanka's candidate for the post of Secretary-General of the Colombo Plan falling vacant in 2022.

Colombo Plan Standing Committee Meeting was held on 30 November 2021 and 304th Session of the Colombo Plan Council was held on 10 December 2021.

Sri Lanka was mandated to lead discussions to build consensus for the appointment of the next Chair of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, where several rounds of deliberations yielded a successful outcome with labour-sending countries presenting a consensus candidate.

The Division organized a meeting on 17 December 2021 under the Chairmanship of Foreign Secretary with line Ministries to discuss the Terms of Reference (ToR) and to obtain their inputs on the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), which is scheduled to be held in May 2022 in New York.

The Division also liaised with line Ministries on African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) G77, UNCTAD, WTO, OECD, WEF, IOM, Colombo Process and GFMD.

Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Division

Multilateral Relations

Networking Meeting of Experts/Officials working in the field of Maritime Safety and Security (MSS), hosted by Foreign Secretary 29 January 2021

The Division organized the above with the objective of creating a formal network with local experts in the field of Maritime Safety and Security (MSS). This is in line with an objective of the IORA Working Group of MSS Work Plan. Thirty (30) officials participated in this event, which consisted Legal Experts, renowned Scientists, experts from the armed forces, and representatives from the Government. The event was organized with the support from the Max Planck Foundation, a German Think Tank.

Sri Lanka's engagement with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) - Designating a National Focal Point to liaise with the ISA Secretariat - 22 January 2021

The Division organized a stakeholder meeting with the relevant govt. agencies with a view to designating a National Focal Point, as well as to discuss the modalities for effective engagement with ISA. It was mutually decided by the participants that the Foreign Ministry (Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Division) should be the National Focal Point supported by a Stakeholder Committee. The Division formulated draft ToR for the Committee and is in the process of collating the views/inputs of the participants and finalizing the same.

Mangrove Caretaker Programme- Pubudugama, Puttalam, 20 January 2021

The Division together with the Ministry of Environment have been championing the Mangrove Ecosystems and Livelihoods Action Group (MELAG) of the Commonwealth Blue Charter since 2018. The British High Commission in Colombo, the Ministry of Environment and the Department of Forest Conservation, launched the Mangrove Caretaker Programme (MCP) on 20 January 2021.

Meetings related to the Indian Ocean Rim Association [IORA]

02nd Meeting of the IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS), 18 – 19 March 2021 –the Division, as the Lead Coordinator for the IORA WGMSS, hosted the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group during which a new Work Plan was adopted for IORA WGMSS for 2022-2026. The Meeting was held in hybrid form with an Inaugural Ceremony conducted for a limited number of invitees (senior officials from key government agencies, Heads of Missions resident in Colombo from IORA Member States, Dialogue Partner countries and UN officials, etc). Member States and participants of the IORA Secretariat joined virtually.

Cluster Group Meeting of the Second IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security [WGMSS], 09 September 2021 – Division hosted this meeting to discuss the suggestions of member states' to re-align the activities of 2nd IORA WGMSS Work Plan with the 2nd IORA Action Plan.

The Division led the Cluster Group on MSS [Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Tanzania and the UAE] in IORA towards finalizing the MSS component of the 2nd IORA Action Plan, by chairing several rounds of cluster group consultations. Further, SL represented at the 23rd Session of the Senior Official Meeting [CSO] held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 15 & 16/11, and provided inputs/interventions on the matters pertaining to MSS.

Virtual Meeting of the 11th IORA Bi-Annual Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials [CSO], 15 – 16 June 2021 - presented updates on the IORA WGMSS Work Plan (2022-2026) and other relevant ancillary work concluded under the said Work Plan.

Webinar on Port State Control (PSC) and Maritime Safety and Security in the Indian Ocean Region, 04 May 2021 - as the Lead Coordinator for IORA WGMSS, the Division organized the webinar together with the Max Planck Foundation. Thirty-nine (39) attendees from thirteen (13) countries, mostly IORA Member States, registered for the online meeting, which provided participants insights of the current international regulatory framework governing port state jurisdiction in the context of both the governance of international fisheries and the adherence to merchant shipping with international rules and standards developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Both international and local speakers participated.

Leading the Process to Develop a National Submarine Cables Resilience and Protection Framework

As a high volume of submarine cables land/traverse in close proximity to Sri Lanka, the proposed Framework helps to ensure the safety and security of submarine cables. These cables are lifelines to Sri Lanka and many other Indian Ocean States, as well as landing sites on the seabed under Sri Lankan jurisdiction. The National Submarine Cable Protection and Resilience Framework details measures that ensure Sri Lanka's

submarine cable network is protected and resilient. The Framework was developed with extensive stakeholder consultation and presented to the Secretary to H.E the President on 15 July 2021. The Secretary to the President instructed the Attorney General's Department that the legislative process needs to be expedited, as the relevant amendments will have to be submitted to Parliament within three (03) months; as the National Budget making process commences from November 2021.

Coordinating Matters related to Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP)

This Division initiated the process to win the project for SL, which resulted in Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA), Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), Central Environmental Authority (CEA) and National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) receiving lab facilities, equipment and chemicals to conduct research on plastics, especially micro plastics, garbage trapping nets for rivers, research collaborations among Sri Lankan academics and the UK research Agencies/Universities, assessment of port waste and ghost fishing gear, creating awareness through media campaigns, TV and social media on the ill effects of plastic litter, assistance was also set aside for curriculum development to include awareness on issues of plastic pollution. The entire project cost up to 20 August 2021 was GBP 843,185.

UNFCCC COP 26, Glasgow, UK, 31 October to 12 November 2021

The Division contributed to the statement of H E the President in which a commitment was made that Sri Lanka will not build any more coal power plants. This undertaking received wide positive publicity for Sri Lanka in international media; coordinated with government agencies for Sri Lanka to join 09 pledges and declarations related the forest and land use, education and environment, renewable energy transition, marine protected areas, etc.; coordinated participation of the Sri Lanka delegation and arranged networking opportunities with agencies and VIPs on site particularly for possible transfer of technology and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for renewable energy sector; aside event on "Rediscovering Nitrogen: Solutions and Synergies for Climate Change, Health, Biodiversity and Circular Economy" was organized with high level speakers including H E the President of Sri Lanka, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director, Director General of the Division represented the Ministry as a speaker in "Blue Carbon Restoration in Action; Examples from the Commonwealth" - 08/11, Biodiversity Sisters' Panel on "SHE Changes Climate" - 09/11 & "Sharing Critical Lessons – Mangroves, the Commonwealth and Rotary" – 10/11; and had several networking opportunities with Commonwealth Secretary General, DG/South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP);, Prime Minister of Fiji; Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), UK; Ministry of Blue Economy, Belize; Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment; PEW Charitable Trust, Rotary International President, Secretary/Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change of India, etc.

Sovereign Debt Swap for Nature

Discussions were held with CEO, Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SEYCCAT); Asst. Director/IMF & Co-funder, Rebalancing Earth and Blue Green future.

Incomplete/in-progress Activities: An Indian Ocean Conference at Ministerial Level

This was scheduled to be held in the 3rd or 4th Quarter of 2021 and postponed due to various reasons. View of the Division is that after hosting a Track 1.5 event in 2019, next needs to be a Ministerial event. Subsequently, Foreign Secretary advised to consider organizing another Track 1.5 event with physical participation in 2022. The Division is currently liaising with the Max Planck Foundation (Germany) and have conducted several meetings to discuss/develop the Concept Paper/Note, Issue Papers and a potential list of international panelists and moderators for the event.

3rd Meeting of Commonwealth Blue Charter Mangrove Ecosystems and Livelihoods Action Group [MELAG]

Plans are underway to hold the event during the latter half of 2022.

Adoption of MSR Guidelines and Regulations

In order to implementing a Marine Scientific Research (MSR) clearance process to enhance and promote maritime research in Sri Lankan waters, the Division initiated the process to come up with regulations and guidelines on MSR together through an extensive stakeholder consultation. The Guidelines and Regulations, Cabinet Memorandum and a Background Note to seek Cabinet approval is in progress and awaiting necessary clearance.

New initiatives:

Work carried out in response to the MV-X Press Pearl disaster

This Division coordinated with the UN Resident Coordinator to ensure an expert group was dispatched to Sri Lanka through the UNEP to conduct an ecological assessment of the damage caused. Also coordinated all Foreign Assistance (financial, equipment and legal assistance) together with the relevant Diplomatic Missions in Colombo and SL Mission abroad and was able to ensure an Indian vessel arrived within 04 days to assist NARA to assist in recovery operations. Further, the Division coordinated between government agencies (MEPA, DWC and NARA) to ensure that marine animal samples and plastic nurdle samples were submitted to reputed foreign laboratories and labs (Cefas, NOAA and CEDRE, ALS, etc) to be used in support of the legal claim. Developed a Concept Note for a 'Maritime Disaster Preparedness Mechanism' as instructed by the Minister of Justice, together with an Interim mechanism and formulated a Capabilities and Resources Matrix. The Division also coordinated getting 08 Nos. Beach Sweepers to MEPA through the SLHC/Singapore, worth of USD 180,000.

Facilitated bringing down 03 Italian experts to analyze carcasses of turtles as well as assisted MEPA in sending samples of soil, plastic nurdles, and biota to be analyzed in foreign laboratories.

Maritime Disaster Preparedness

Division prepared a Resources and Capabilities Matrix related to the Maritime Disaster Preparedness of Sri Lanka and circulated to selected DPL Missions in Colombo. This Division worked to identify experts to support Sri Lanka in setting up of Maritime Disaster Authority from Australia, the European Union and Singapore.

Facilitation of obtaining assistance to World Bank Project on Riverine Plastics

Division closely collaboration with Cefas (which comes under the purview of the Defra – UK) enabled Sri Lanka to access another fund to address riverine plastics; beneficiary SL agencies - NARA, ITI, MEPA & CEA.

Colombo Declaration on Sustainable Nitrogen Management

Coordinating with the Ministry of Environment of SL, the British High Commission in Colombo and the International Nitrogen Management Systems in the UK on bringing Nitrogen to focus in the climate change discourse for the first time. The Division also contributed (DG was a moderator) at a “Pre-COP26 Virtual Event on “Nitrogen for Climate and Green Recovery”, 27 – 29 April 2021.

Contribution made by the Division to ensure timely submission of NDCs to UNFCCC (by 30 July 2021), getting SL’s key commitments (i.e. 70% renewable energy by 2030, carbon neutrality by 2050 & no more new coal) to international arena to get positive coverage for the country.

Additionally, Head of this Division represented the Ministry as a resource person/speaker in several oceans, environment and climate change related seminars/workshops/webinars, including DERANA 24 Nature 24 Programme “Nature-based Ocean Solutions for Climate change Mitigation” of the World Ocean Summit (virtual) organized by the Economist Magazine, 08/12.

Coordinating with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) to train wildlife, forestry and fisheries officials on law enforcement, leadership and communications skills.

The Division was able to ensure that SL is a top priority country (among 15) to access UK’s Blue Planet Fund – Ocean Country Partnership Programme assistance which supports Marine Biodiversity, Marine Pollution, Sustainable Seafood Industry and Climate Change.

Initiated informal discussions to commence Marine Spatial Planning and identifying possible sources of technical and financial assistance for the same.

Policy Planning, Research & Human Resources Development Division

Policy Planning, Research and Human Resources Development (PP, R & HRD) Division, plays a vital role in the Foreign Ministry in identifying policy objectives and routing their implementation, based on the foreign policy of the Government. This Division also coordinates matters related to the career development of Sri Lanka Foreign Service Officers (SLFS) and of Mission staff.

For the purpose of achieving the policy objectives of the Ministry during the period under review, the Division coordinated with the other Divisions of the Ministry and the Sri Lanka Missions abroad to prepare the Action Plan for the Ministry with a view to assessing the annual performance of the Ministry at the end of the financial year. Accordingly, the Division prepared Annual Performance report 2020 and submitted to the Parliament. Further, the Division prepared and submitted the Progress Report 2021 in October 2021 to the Annual Budget Committee meeting as per the legislative requirement of the Government.

The Division has also compiled the Action Plan for 2022 as per the regulatory requirement and for budgetary purposes. The Division has shared the documents on “20-point key Foreign Policy Directives for 2020 and beyond” formulated as per the vision of H.E the President and National Policy Framework of ‘Vistas and Prosperity’ with all Sri Lanka Missions abroad for implementation and with diplomatic Missions accredited to Sri Lanka based in Colombo announcing the foreign policy priorities of the Government.

In terms of institution building and strengthening the human resources of the Ministry, several measures were taken by the Division in consultation with the Public Service Commission (PSC), Department of Examinations (DoE) and the Department of Management Services (DMS).

- Publication of gazette notification for recruitment of Grade III officers to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service 2020/2021. Keeping in line with All Island Services, the SLFS will now conduct the recruitment examination in two phases and this will be the first of such exam.
- Conducting 1st and 2nd Efficiency Bar Examinations for SLFS Officers.
- In consultation with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Examination, the Ministry finalized the gazette notification for conducting the competitive examination for filling vacancies in the Management Service Officers and Personal Assistants in Sri Lanka Missions Abroad -2020(2021).

Note: However due to the on-going pandemic situation and the postponement of examination, several obstacles have occurred and they have resulted in delays in completing these processes.

- Given the prevailing financial constraints, expansion of Ministry/Mission work scope and the need for re-evaluation of existing staff structure of the Ministry/Mission, under

the guidance of the Foreign Secretary and in collaboration with other internal stakeholders, the Division has continued the dialogue on the need for cadre rationalization of the Ministry.

- Participation in several Committees established i) to analyze the cadre rationalization of the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, ii) to identify opportunities for certain categories of officers attached to the Ministry to serve in Missions abroad through a competitive selection process and providing policy input iii) introducing of a new promotional scheme for SLFS Officers in line with other All Island Services.
- In respect of the SLFS, the Division engaged extensively with the PSC and the DMS to operationalize the Special Grade of the SLFS. Approval has been received from the Public Service Commission to fill 16 vacant Special Grade posts from the eligible SLFS officers. Accordingly, the notification has been published for officers to apply for these vacancies.
- The Division also coordinated with the PSC to revise the SLFS Service Minute of 2016 to include the new provisions of the recruitment process and the incorporation of Special Grade Posts.
- Based on the instructions from Presidential Secretariat, a policy decision has been taken to create a dedicated International Cooperation Unit under the purview of the Foreign Ministry. Approval for the Cabinet Memorandum submitted by the Ministry was received in January 2021 and as per the approval, in order to implement the proposal, the PP,R & HRD Division has taken action to create short-term posts to accommodate this new Unit and called nominations from the interested young professionals from the leading private companies and coordinated work related to establishment of this Unit. The applications received from interested professionals and the nomination for the Head of the Unit has been submitted to the Presidential Secretariat for further action.
- The Division also represented in several coordination meetings and discussions with regard to setting up of a Strategic Communication Unit of the Ministry and has submitted the previously drafted proposal for a Strategic Communication Strategy at the Ministry for further action.
- The Division coordinated representations made by SLFS Officers on their Post Graduate qualifications and has represented in the Standing Committee established to study and recommend the admissibility of Post Graduate Qualifications that are relevant to the field of International relations as stipulated in Appendix C of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service Minute of 2016. This Division also liaised with the PSC with regard to new inclusions of Post Graduate Qualifications relevant to the field of International relations.
- This Division facilitated several training programmes for SLFS and non SLFS officers in the Ministry with a view of enhancing their knowledge, skills and capacity building. Further, the PP,R& HRD collaborated with the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute (BIDTI) to conduct the 3rd Efficiency Bar capacity building programme for 50 SLFS Grade 1 officers for the enhancement of management, leadership skills and for career progression purposes.

- Two orientation programmes were organized and conducted during the months of February and August/September on a virtual platform for newly nominated Heads of Missions (HOMs), Heads of Posts (HOPs) and for Diplomatic officers who were scheduled to leave on transfers with the participation of in house and external resource persons.
- This Division in consultation with relevant Divisions of the Ministry obtained observations / suggestions to the policy recommendations submitted by the Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) on a series of topics on National Security, Counter Terrorism and few related topics and prepared a composite response to be sent to the Ministry of Defence.
- With the approval of Foreign Secretary, this Division arranged 200 hour special Tamil Language training course conducts by the Department of Official Languages for the SLFS officers to complete the service requirement., The Division engaged with relevant parties for obtaining observations for the proposed Cabinet Memorandum in respect of No Pay leave for the spouses of SLFS officers appointed to Sri Lanka Missions abroad which is a work in progress.
- The Division coordinated work related to the committee appointed to study matters referred to the proposal made by the Foreign Ministry to create “Ambassador Rank” post for Sri Lanka Foreign Service Grade I officers in identified 16 overseas Missions abroad. The Committee was appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers and was headed by the Addl.Secretary/Presidential Secretariat. The final report of the committee has been submitted to the Foreign Secretary.
- With a view to encouraging a discussion based work culture among SLFS officers, the Division organized two discussion series on current issues in International relations and Diplomacy.
- Publication of the Mission Directory 2021.
- Under the direct purview of the Foreign Secretary, the Division produced several reports for various publications, periodical reports on the progress and the key achievements of the Ministry, as and when required.

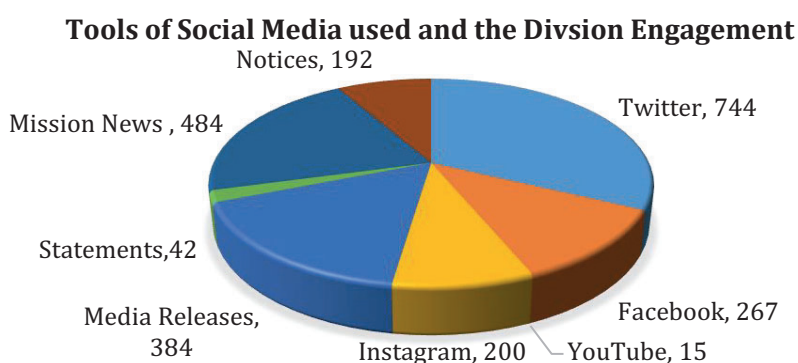
Public Diplomacy Division

The Public Diplomacy Division is the interface between the Government and external actors for information dissemination and projection of Sri Lanka’s image overseas. The Division covers events/ situations that take place in the Ministry and the country in general, related to Sri Lanka’s foreign policy and international relations. In addition, the Division disseminates information on events /developments at the Sri Lankan Missions/ Posts abroad.

Performance of key activities of the Division

The Division has been monitoring and updating on a daily basis, all the officials in the Ministry and all Missions/Posts regarding important news items related to the Ministry/Sri Lanka on the local/foreign media and web news. Daily updates of the news items that are detrimental to the image of the Ministry and Sri Lanka are brought to the attention of the Foreign Secretary and rebuttals issued where deemed necessary. Further, during the period under review Public Diplomacy Division has played a vital role in disseminating Media releases, Statements, Mission news and notices to local Print and Online Media, and Foreign Correspondents based in Colombo with the same having been published in the print and online based media with regular broadcasts on television and radio.

In addition, the Division engages daily on social media platforms to further strengthen public relations, while all Missions/ Posts are often encouraged to engage target publics on social media platforms for effective transmission of information to target audiences. The Missions/Posts are also encouraged to retweet/repost Ministry tweets/posts as applicable.



Due to the global pandemic, limited functions were organized by the Ministry during this period. The PD Division arranged for the digital/ print media Journalists to cover the launching of stamps in both Sri Lanka and Singapore to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Sri Lanka and Singapore on 27 July 2021 at the Ministry and the handing over of the donation of Beach Tech Hydro Sweep beach cleaning machinery, received from Singapore-based global non-profit, the Alliance to End Plastic Waste (Alliance), by the Foreign Secretary to the Coast Conservation Department on 02 August 2021 at Sarukkuwa Beach in Negombo.

The Division also facilitates Foreign Media coverage/filming in Sri Lanka aimed at enhancing the image of Sri Lanka overseas, although the period under review did not have many visits of foreign media crews due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, amidst the pandemic, a 3-member crew from the Humble Bee Pictures UK visited Sri Lanka from 01 May to 01 June 2021. Furthermore, a Swedish Media crew, a Poland TVN

Media crew and a BBC UK Media crew have inquired on the possibility of coming to Sri Lanka for filming purposes.

The Division has been actively providing to the Sri Lanka Missions/Posts information on policy statements and daily updates of local Ministries/institutions on important information relating to trade, investment promotions, tourism promotion especially during emergency situations in Sri Lanka, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

International Security and Counter Terrorism Division

LTTE related matters:

The LTTE listing as a terrorist organization underwent several reviews in the **EU** during this period. The Division coordinated with CNI office, CTID, DMI, SIS, Attorney General's Department and relevant Missions to compile dossiers to support its extension in January 2021 and July 2021. The dossier to support the extension from the period January – June 2022 has also been compiled and shared with the SPD of the EEAS. In the **UK**, the Open Judgment by the POAC, in the challenge launched by the TGTE, was delivered in favour of the UK's Home Secretary, who in September 2021 rejected the application of the TGTE and decided to retain the listing of the LTTE as a terrorist organization in the UK. The Division, in coordination with internal agencies submitted several dossiers of relevant information to support this outcome. In Italy, as a response to the adoption of a protocol to recognize 'Genocide in Sri Lanka' in September 2021, the Division coordinated with SLEMB/Italy to take up the matter with Italian authorities and also through Italian Mission in Colombo. The Division also monitored social media and political activity related to the LTTE abroad on significant days and events to identify patterns and developments to be addressed. Further, inputs have been provided and coordinated with relevant Missions regarding the continued proscription of LTTE in European Union and United States of Americas.

Strengthening and expanding the foreign network of Sri Lankan defence and security agencies:

Noting the need to develop the operational network related to combating terrorism and violent extremism, to facilitate cooperation among intelligence and law enforcement agencies of Sri Lanka and their foreign counterparts, the Division initiated new relationships and developed the existing.

Bilateral:

- The Division has progressed on concluding bilateral MOUs with **Bangladesh** and **the Philippines** on terrorism cooperation.
- The Division also coordinated and served as focal in the virtual 4th meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on CT with **Indonesia** in July 2021. The outcome document has been agreed upon, and work has begun on implementing the undertakings.

- The Division also provided inputs and participated in the SL-**Australia** JWG on Human Smuggling in January 2021, **EU**-Sri Lanka JC in January 2021 and SL-**German** BPC in July 2021. The Division also provided input in the SL-**Russia** BPC to be held in October 2021, and on **Turkey** for the Minister's meeting with his Turkish counterpart on the sidelines of the UNGA.

Multilateral:

- Initiating a formal Working Arrangement with **Europol**, towards which the first meeting was held in February 2021 between CNI, SIS and CTID and Europol. The draft of the legal agreement to be negotiated has been received from Europol, and is being processed by the local agencies.
- First time participation of Sri Lanka as an Observer in the Working Group meeting of the Counter IS Finance Group (CIFG) of the Global Coalition on IS in May 2021 – to ensure that intelligence agencies and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) engage with the global discussion on IS.
- In May 2021, Sri Lanka was represented in the 2nd Summit of “The Christchurch Call to Action” to combat terrorism content and radicalization online, which was the first time that Sri Lanka engaged with the grouping formally since indicating its willingness to join the group in September 2019. The meeting was co-chaired by the PM of New Zealand and President of France, and included representatives from all major social media companies.
- First time participation of Sri Lankan delegation from MOD, SIS, DMI and others in the Counter Terrorism Week and the Meeting of Heads of CT agencies of the **UN** in June 2021.

Capacity development of local defence, security and legal agencies:

Multilateral: Having received offers of assistance in the areas of terrorism and violent extremism from bilateral and multilateral sources following the Easter Sunday attacks, the Division has coordinated bilateral and multilateral efforts at capacity building of local agencies. Of particular note is coordinating with the **UNODC in relation to the EU project** - “Support to Sri Lanka on Counter Terrorism” through which, over 21 projects have been coordinated during 2021 between the UN agencies and local institutions, towards capacity building and strengthening of institutions' dealing with terrorist related matters. This includes, legal institutions to effectively address terrorism related cases (AG's Department, judiciary, defence lawyers), investigation & evidence gathering into terrorist attacks (Police, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Government Analysts' Department etc), as well as law enforcement authorities in preventing attacks (Police, CNI office) and Prisons. The Division has also coordinated the identification of equipment requirements of local agencies, and facilitated the purchase of equipment by

the UNODC of such for Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Police and Government Analyst Department.

Bilateral: The Division has been coordinating between the **BRAC and US authorities** in developing the possible collaboration, capacity building in the field of border security.

Support preventing / countering violent extremism (P / CVE) efforts:

The Division has also coordinated in obtaining information on several terrorist suspects living abroad of interest to Sri Lanka and supported to strengthen coordination between the SIS and relevant foreign agencies. The Division, on request by the AG's Department, has been coordinating with the US Embassy in Colombo to obtain information relating to the Easter Sunday judicial proceedings in Sri Lanka, and is also at present coordinating with US investigators on the Easter Sunday attacks, to enable the latter to provide evidence in Sri Lanka's court cases. Further, the Division initiated discussions with the DIE, State Intelligence Service (SIS) and Consular Division and Legal Division on revisiting the provisions of the e-RCMS system to include a provision on security concerns relating those returning to Sri Lanka. Also under this priority area, the Division has coordinated between the CNI Office, NGO Secretariat and the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) to put in place a mechanism to support grassroot level organizations in combating radicalization. The first call for sub grants was extended by the Main Grantee and the local agencies have finalized the shortlisted CBOs in identified districts to receive the grant allocations. In addition, with the terrorist attack in New Zealand, the Division coordinated with the New Zealand Mission in Colombo and Head of the New Zealand SIS with the MOD and SIS in discussing future cooperation with regard to radicalized individuals. Coordinated the visit to Sri Lanka officials of Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF).

Support efforts related to the development of the legal framework on CT:

Together with the Legal Division, the Division represented the Foreign Ministry in the Officials' Committee established to revisit the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), on the instructions of the Secretary to the President, in order to bring it in line with the international obligations of Sri Lanka as well as domestic legislation. The final report is being finalized to be submitted to the Cabinet Sub-Committee.

Support other aspects of addressing threats to national security:

This Division has also been working through Sri Lanka Missions to combat the negative messaging on Sri Lanka heightened at various points, through the implementation of a targeted strategy of "International Days" related Communications strategy, where the Missions, particularly those accredited to the UN, and others are instructed to undertake activities relating to the day on positive aspects of Sri Lanka or counter messaging on the LTTE – this exercise was carried out in February on the 'International Day against the use of Child Soldiers', in May 'International Day on Living together in Harmony' and in August on 'International Day of Victims of Terrorist Attacks'. The Division also worked with the PP,R&HRD Division to organize and conduct training by Facebook and

Instagram representatives for SLFS officers of the Ministry and Missions to effectively use social media sites and address terrorist content.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW: TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS

Africa Division

Bilateral Relations

Telephone conversations between H.E. the President of Sri Lanka and the Presidents' of Egypt and Kenya

Telephone conversation between H.E the President of Sri Lanka and H.E. Abdel Fattah Al -Sisi President of the Arab Republic of Egypt on 16 March 2021 to strengthen the bilateral cooperation.

Telephone conversation between H.E the President of Sri Lanka and H.E. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta President of Kenya on 02September 2021 to strengthen the bilateral cooperation.

Courtesy Meetings between Hon. Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary with Ambassadors of African Countries were facilitated.

Bilateral Consultations

The 1st Session of the bilateral consultations between the Foreign Ministries of Ethiopia and Sri Lanka was held virtually on 09 June 2021 and the consultations were focused on strengthening political, economic, social and cultural ties.

Initial steps have been taken to hold bilateral consultations with Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Seychelles and Nigeria.

Draft agreement on bilateral consultations has been proposed with Cote d'Ivoire.

The 1stSession of the Bilateral Consultations between the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria was held virtually on 12 October 2021.

Work in progress : forthcoming 8th Session of the Partnership Forum between South Africa and Sri Lanka in February 2022.

Bilateral Consultation between Egypt and Sri Lanka in February 2022.

Opening of a Sri Lanka Consulate General Office in Madagascar

With a view to enhancing diplomatic presence in Africa region, initial steps have been taken to establish a Consulate General Office in Madagascar. The Ministry is waiting for the concurrence from the authorities of Madagascar.

Expansion of Sri Lanka's Diplomatic Relations in the African Continent

Sri Lanka established diplomatic relations with the Gabonese Republic on 19 March 2021.

Arrangements are underway for PRUN/New York to sign the agreement for establishing diplomatic relations with Cameroon.

Action is being taken by this Division to fulfill formalities towards establishing formal DPL relations with Comoros.

Multilateral Relations

UNHRC resolution on Sri Lanka

Eritrea & Somalia extended support to Sri Lanka and voted against the UNHRC resolution on Sri Lanka in Geneva and Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mauritania, Libya, Malawi, Namibia, Senegal, Sudan & Togo abstained on the UNHRC resolution on Sri Lanka.

This Division was involved in efforts to lobby the African Countries to support Sri Lanka's Position. Several countries not in the UNHRC currently also made supportive statements on Sri Lanka.

Economic Diplomacy

Reviewed and followed up on the pending MoUs and Agreements related to Economic Cooperation with African Countries.

Defence & Security Cooperation

Reviewed and followed up the pending MoUs and Agreements related to Defence & Security Cooperation with African Countries.

Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankans and COVID Related Activities

The Division with the assistance of Presidential Secretariat, SLHC/Seychelles and other relevant line agencies coordinated repatriation of Sri Lankans stranded from Seychelles, Madagascar, Ethiopia and Kenya during the COVID 19 outbreak. Special Charter flights were arranged for the repatriation.

Americas Division

The Americas Division covers 33 countries from the Latin America and Caribbean region, the United States of America and Canada. Accordingly, Sri Lanka's Embassies in Brasilia (Brazil), Havana (Cuba), Washington D.C. (United States of America), the High Commission in Ottawa (Canada) as well as the Consulates General in Los Angeles and Toronto and bilateral work related to the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN in

New York falls within the purview of the Division. The main areas of work of the Division, during the year 2021 included the following:

Bilateral Relations

Bilateral interactions

Coordinated and facilitated interactions, including virtual meetings, for the Foreign Minister and the Foreign Secretary with dignitaries from the relevant countries, notably US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, US Under Secretary for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland, and US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal & Sri Lanka Kelly Keiderling. The above-mentioned Sri Lanka Missions have continued their dialogue with interlocutors, and enhanced the engagement depending on the circumstances in their countries of accreditation. The main purpose of these interactions was to further strengthen Sri Lanka's bilateral relations with these countries and enhance cooperation across a broad range of areas. Follow-up action was taken to conduct the political consultations early with Brazil, Colombia and Uruguay, and technical level discussions were initiated with the US on scheduling the 4th Session of the Partnership Dialogue in Colombo.

The Missions have also worked closely with the Hony. Consuls for Sri Lanka appointed in those countries, with a view to enhancing engagements with the Provinces / States of these countries, thereby broadening the scope of their outreach programmes. Hony. Consuls were appointed or services extended in Rio de Janeiro & Sao Paulo in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Surinam, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Jamaica, Haiti and El Salvador.

The US Congressional Caucus on Sri Lanka was re-registered for the 117th session of the US Congress in July 2021. The co-chairs of the Caucus are Congressman Robert Aderholt (Republican/Alabama) and Congressman Hank Johnson (Democrat/Georgia).

Action was taken to formalize concurrent accreditation of relevant Sri Lankan Missions to Peru, Chile and Guyana.

Trafficking in Persons Report

The Division actively participated in the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force meetings to finalize the GoSL submission to the US State Department Trafficking in Persons Report 2021 and Interim 2022, National Strategic Action Plan to (SNAP) to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking (2021-2025) and responses to the follow-up questions. The final GoSL submission was provided to the US Embassy in March 2021. As per the latest US Trafficking in Persons Report 2021, Sri Lanka has been granted a waiver and retained in the Tier- Two watch list for the third consecutive year.

Signing of Agreements / MoUs

Facilitated the signing of the USAID Partnership for Accelerating Results in Trade, National Expenditure and Revenue (PARTNER) Activity Implementation Letter (Assistance Agreement) and the Four Party MoU between the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and Save the Children on Promoting Autonomy, Literacy and Attentiveness through Market Alliances (PALAM/A) project with the US Department of Agriculture (McGovern-Dole Project). The project of US\$ 26 million supported the school feeding programme of Sri Lanka. MoUs were signed for the National Science Foundation and Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute with relevant Brazilian Institutes.

Countering negative / non-factual reports

Facilitated a multi-pronged approach in seeking to prevent the mark-up and adoption of House Resolution 413 titled “Recognizing 12 years since the end of the war in Sri Lanka on May 18, 2009, honoring the lives lost, and expressing support for justice, accountability, reconciliation, reconstruction, reparation, and reform in Sri Lanka to ensure a lasting peaceful political solution and a prosperous future for all people of Sri Lanka”, which was introduced on 18 May 2021 in the US House of Representatives by Congresswoman Deborah Ross (Democrat-North Carolina). The GoSL has submitted its response to this resolution through the Embassy in Washington D.C. to Chair and the Ranking Member of the House of Foreign Affairs Committee, as well as to the State Department and the US Embassy in Colombo.

Closely monitored and responded to issues of key importance pertaining to Sri Lanka in Canada in coordination with the High Commission in Ottawa and Consulate in Toronto, especially related to Ontario Provincial Bill-104 on Tamil Genocide Education Week, construction of Tamil Genocide memorials etc.

Senior politicians and officials of the respective countries of accreditation were regularly briefed on the current developments in Sri Lanka, particularly in the areas of reconciliation and accountability.

The Embassy in Washington convened a round table discussion to commemorate the International Human Rights Day, with the participation of senior representatives from the Department of State and other relevant interlocutors.

Multilateral relations

The High Commission in Ottawa facilitated matters related to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which has its headquarters in Montreal in Quebec.

The UN Division of this Ministry in relation to garnering support for Sri Lanka’s candidates at elections to UN bodies and support for Sri Lanka’s position at the UNHRC

in Geneva. The Missions have engaged with the relevant Government departments / officials in their countries of accreditation in this regard.

Economic Diplomacy

Much work has been carried out by the Embassies / High Commissions and Consulates as well as this Division to promote economic related matters with tangible outcomes. This included the organization / facilitation of meetings, webinars, networking events to create awareness and promote Sri Lankan products in the respective markets & establish business contacts between the related institutions in those countries and Sri Lanka. Visits of official business and government delegations were initiated and facilitated both to and from Sri Lanka.

Links were established between the Chambers of Commerce and where appropriate, Sri Lanka Business Chambers / Councils were reinvigorated or established in the respective countries. Collaboration with foreign universities for technical cooperation and capacity building opportunities has also been pursued. Events / meetings have also been held to promote investments to Sri Lanka, including the promotion of the Colombo Port City project.

The Mission in Washington coordinated with the US Department of Agriculture to obtain necessary permits to export selected varieties of fruits and plants and the expansion of the US GSP facility. The High Commission of Canada facilitated discussions between the Civil Aviation Training Centre Sri Lanka and the University of Fraser Valley, Canada. A Salusala sales outlet in Canada was launched in November 2021 with the support of the Consulate General/Toronto. The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment of Cuba agreed to connect Sri Lankan exporters of Spices and Condiments with Cuban traders. The Embassy in Brazil identified prospective new importers of tableware and porcelain ware, tea, coir products, textile colourings, PVC pipes in Brazil and other accredited countries and B2B meetings were arranged with the Sri Lankan companies to initiate business negotiations. [Please note this is not exhaustive as it is not practical to list out all the economic related activities carried out by the Missions and Division.]

Defence & Security Cooperation

Coordinated the visit of the Navy Commander to the USA to attend the 24th International Sea Power Symposium (ISS) organized by the U.S. Navy, at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island in September 2021 as well as the visit of General Kenneth Wilsbach, Commander of the Pacific Air Forces of the US for 70th SLAF Anniversary.

Coordinated and facilitated joint training exercises between the Sri Lanka armed forces and their US counterparts. Secured training opportunities for Sri Lanka military officers in the US.

The High Commission in Ottawa continued to follow up with Public Safety Canada on the listing of the LTTE as a terrorist organization, which still remains in force.

Negotiations on Agreements/MOUs in the field of Defence Cooperation and Human Smuggling & Transnational Organized Crimes with Brazil were facilitated. Facilitated the procurement of ceremonial guns from Brazil.

Public Diplomacy

The High Commission in Ottawa organized a virtual programme on the International Day of Living Together in Peace and participated /assisted in virtual /in person programmes conducted by Temples and Sri Lanka Associations.

The Embassy in Washington D.C. organized cultural events in collaboration with the OSL Network, Friends of Sri Lanka, Officials of the US Federal & Local Government, Diplomats and other participants of the local community.

Several community events were organized for the Sri Lankan community members and students in Cuba, bringing them together to support Sri Lanka. Similar virtual events were held in Brazil.

Migrant labour welfare, overseas Sri Lankans & COVID related activities

Facilitated the donation of 3.4 Million doses of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to Sri Lanka through the COVAX facility in 2021. The US provided US\$ 17.9 million in medical supplies and critical services whilst USD 265 million in financing was provided to Sri Lankan banks to assist the post-pandemic economic recovery.

Canada, through the WHO, contributed US\$ 1.3 million to Sri Lanka for immediate assistance on COVID-19 and long term strengthening of the primary health care system, and also provided US\$ 1.0 million to procure urgent oxygen therapy supplies for Sri Lanka through Canada's contribution to UNICEF's Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator Supplies Financing Facility. Sri Lanka Canada Friendship Association in Edmonton donated CAD 6,350.00 to the 'Itukama –COVID 19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund'.

The Embassy in Washington D.C. launched the Overseas Sri Lankans Network (OSL) with a view to reach out and connect with Sri Lankans, Sri Lankan Americans and 'Friends of Sri Lanka' living across the US with the aim of supporting OSL activities and seeking their support towards realizing the interests of Sri Lanka in the US.

The Consulate General in Toronto assisted prospective Sri Lankans seeking employment in Canada through agents, by verifying the bona-fide of the job offers they have received. The Consulate also assisted the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in this regard.

Facilitated repatriation of Sri Lankans from the Americas region during the international travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic and the

vaccination of Sri Lankans in the Dominican Republic and Haiti together with the respective Missions.

Other

The Division issued 298 gratis visas for US officials in coordination with the US Embassy in Colombo and the relevant Sri Lankan authorities.

The Sri Lanka Consulate in Toronto was successfully relocated to a new premises on 30 December 2021.

East Asia Division

Bilateral Relations

Strengthening bilateral relations across multiple sectors through regular high-level interactions:

The 2nd Session of the Japan Sri Lanka Policy Dialogue and the inaugural session of the Sri Lanka-New Zealand Official Consultations were held on 10 February 2021 and 08 April 2021 respectively.

H. E. the President virtually addressed the Annual Conference of the Boao Forum for Asia on 20 April and the “Future of Asia” Conference organized by Nikkei Inc Japan on 20 May 2021. Hon. Prime Minister virtually addressed the Taiyuan Energy, Climate, and Environment Forum on 03 September 2021 and Foreign Minister attended two virtual events on COVID-19 cooperation and COVID-19 vaccine cooperation. Hon. Namal Rajapaksa visited Tokyo in July, 2021.

Tele-conversation between Presidents of Sri Lanka and China was held on 29 March 2021. The Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka held separate discussions with the Foreign Ministers of China on 24 February 2021, Australia on 09 June 2021, New Zealand on 03 August 2021, and the Republic of Korea on 22 March 2021.

Hon. Speaker had a virtual meeting with the Speaker of Parliament of China on 31 August 2021.

New Zealand established its new resident Diplomatic Mission in Sri Lanka on 11 August 2021.

Hon. Karen Andrews, M.P., and Minister for Home Affairs of Australia paid an official visit to Sri Lanka from 18-21 December 2021 and the MoU on Return and Readmission of Persons between Sri Lanka and Australia was signed during the visit.

The approval has been given for appointments of Honorary Consul to the Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR.

Preliminary preparations for the forthcoming visit of H.E. Wang Yi, State Counsellor and Foreign Minister of China from 8-9 January 2022.

On-going arrangements to celebrate the forthcoming 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries in 2022.

On-going preparations for the official visit of Hon. Foreign Minister to the Republic of Korea during 5-7 January 2022.

Multilateral Relations

A virtual B2B interactive session on Tourism Cooperation was conducted by Sri Lanka on 17 October 2021 with the participation of 27 Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Member States. Represented Sri Lanka at the series of Special Working Groups (SWG) and Senior Official Committee (SOC) meetings of CICA. Working with line agencies to coordinate Sri Lanka's participation in webinars/training programmes conducted under the CICA Action Plan 2021. SWG and SOC meetings of CICA have been represented virtually on 9 and 11 December 2021.

Strengthening capacity building and technical capacity by participation in the Bali Process focused on combating people smuggling and trafficking in persons. Sri Lanka Co-chaired the Bali Process 4th working-level Technical Experts Group on Returns and Reintegration with Australia in September 2021.

- i. Frequent engagements with UN agencies/ China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) in obtaining support at multilateral fora and financial assistance.
- ii. UN International Youth Skills Day celebrations at the SLEMB/Beijing with the participation of the UN Youth Envoy.

4th UN Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting and the virtual participation of Hon. Minister of Environment of Sri Lanka in the 4th Session of the Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific.

Economic Diplomacy

The 7th Session of Joint Economic Trade Commission (JETC) of Sri Lanka and China was held on 24 September 2021.

Negotiation and coordination of financial cooperation with China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea in mitigating negative impacts of COVID-19 related economic challenges.

Promotion of investment -flagship projects such as the Colombo Port City, Hambanthota Industrial Zone, Eravoor Fabric Park, and other Free Trade Zones in Sri Lanka.

Coordination of Investment proposals received from foreign destinations with relevant line agencies: establishment of passenger vehicle assembling plant, safety glass

manufacturing project, COVID-19 Vaccine refilling plant, residential property development, solar and wind farm project, cement plant, smart classrooms for schools.

Discussions are ongoing for proposal for establishing a Sinopharm COVID – 19 vaccine refilling with the BOI and on the proposal for establishing a Technology and Agricultural University in Sri Lanka.

Promotion of Sri Lankan products/ tourism through business-to-business interactions/ exhibitions/ virtual platforms by Sri Lanka Missions/Posts in accredited destinations.

- a. **Republic of Korea(RoK):** Organizing three webinars on exports promotions such as coconut-related products, boat & shipbuilding and gem & jewelry and participation at two trade exhibitions. Import Goods Fair 2021 and Seoul Food & Hotel Show 2021, organized around 70 B2B meetings to introduce Sri Lankan exports to the potential buyers in the RoK, initiative in establishing a “Sri Lankan Gem Trade Center” in Korea, facilitation for 10 Sri Lankan companies to publish their profiles on the XPrive Business Development platform in RoK, co-organized the “*Korea Country Session*” at the Sri Lanka Investment Forum 2021, conducted 02 webinars on D-Camp Korea and apparel & textile to attract investments and participation at the Korea International Tourism Show in September 2021.
- b. **Japan:** 43 One to One Business Meetings with prospective buyers of Sri Lankan products, 30 live conferences promoting Sri Lanka’s exports and cultural wellness, eco-safari and education tourism, 16 tourism and exports promotion events were attended physically, 08 Live monthly Education and Employment awareness programs to Japan, a program to attract Japanese to learn English in Sri Lanka was launched, facilitating to advance Japanese education in SL. Participation in Japan International Food Exhibition, INCHEM Tokyo 2021 Exhibition, tea tasting session in collaboration with Japan Tea Association, and tourist promotion events in Minato and Shibuya cities. Visit of the renewable energy investment delegation to Sri Lanka of Marubeni Corporation of Japan. Organizing the entrepreneurial workshop for Sri Lankan IT professionals based in Japan bridging Sri Lankan IT companies and Japanese companies through Sri Lankan professionals living in Japan.
- c. **China:** Holding/ Participate in trade, investment, tourism, and culture events. Facilitation of signing a MoU with a Chinese company to import 4 Mn Kg of Ceylon tea to China per year, finalization of arrangements in participating at the 4th CIIE, and Fujian- Sri Lanka Economic and Trade Cooperation Conference, establishment of the China Sri Lanka Association for Trade and Economic, continuing discussions with the UN, Multilateral organization in Beijing, CIDCA, and Sri Lankan line agencies to access the funds provided by China to the South-South Cooperation. Continue engagements with a large number of State-Owned Enterprises and private companies (over 25), and Provincial authorities on the promotion of large-scale investments to Sri Lanka, Investment Webinar in cooperation with Guangdong Department of Commerce.

- d. **Australia:** Celebration of International Tea Day in collaboration with Australian Tea Masters on 21 May 2021, market referral programme was organized on IT and BPM sectors in association with SLASSCOM, “Avurudu Pola” tourism promotion programme was organized on 18 April 2021, organized and participated 9 webinars promoting Sri Lankan products, investment opportunities, tourism, education, etc, webinar “Sri Lanka’s Geopolitics and Trade”, Trade promotional events in Brisbane, Queensland under Economic Diplomacy Programme, establishment of the Australia Sri Lankan Business Council, facilitated participation of 42 persons from Australia at the Sri Lanka Investment Forum, in June 2021.

Defence & Security Cooperation

Visit of the Defence Minister of China on 28 April 2021, Defence Ministerial tele-conference between H.E. the President and Japanese Defence Minister on 06 July 2021, virtual interactions between the Commanders of Army/Air force with Australian counterparts in February, March and May.

The 07th Australia –Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Other Transnational Crime was held virtually on 21 January 2021.

Facilitated the donation of 300,000 doses of Sinopharm vaccine from China PLA to Sri Lanka Army.

Facilitated goodwill visits of military vessels to Sri Lanka, and coordinated capacity-building programmes relevant to security establishments in Sri Lanka.

The signing of the renewed MoU between the Massey University of New Zealand and the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) in Sri Lanka on 05 November 2021.

Public Diplomacy

Promotion of people-to-people contacts, public diplomacy, and cultural diplomacy through various events organized by Sri Lanka Missions/Posts, participation of events organized by institutes/ companies/ associations in accredited countries.

Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankan & Covid related activities

Coordination and facilitation of financial assistance/ timely delivery of COVID 19 related vaccines, medical equipment, PPEs etc from China, Japan, RoK, and Australia to combat COVID-19 pandemic: coordination of donation of Rs. 900,000 to “Itukama” fund, Australia committed AUD 11.7 Mn to support Sri Lanka’s COVID 19 response. Procured 23 Mn Sinopharm vaccine and coordination of donation of 3 Mn Sinopharm vaccine doses by China, donation of PPEs, oxygen concentrators by China, USD 500,000 worth of medical equipment and 32 ICU beds and 50 oxygen cylinders from RoK, a cancer machine and toiletries worth of USD 365,000 gifted by IIDA/ RoK, Rs. 43 Mn fundraised by the SLEMB/Tokyo, and receipt of 1.45Mn AstraZeneca Vaccines from Japan.

Coordination of matters on the entry of newly recruited Sri Lankan employees to RoK, facilitated the renewal process of the MoU between Sri Lanka and RoK on sending and receiving of workers under the Employment Permit System (EPS), engagement with the RoK side in increasing the quota of migrant workers from Sri Lanka to RoK.

Facilitated a MoU with Ehime Prefecture, Japan, and 03 Ministries/agencies in SL to recruit Sri Lankan employees to Japan.

Consular assistance was rendered by Missions/Posts to repatriate Sri Lankans, illegal migrants, deportees and facilitated extension of visa and resolved various grievances faced by Sri Lankans due to COVID-19 pandemic, handled death cases, resolved many cases related to labour and welfare of the Sri Lankans domiciled in the RoK, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, and other accredited destinations, looking after the welfare and other needs of Sri Lankans who are currently in jails and the detention centers.

Europe & Central Asia, European Union and Commonwealth Division

Bilateral Relations

Holding of Joint Commissions/Political Consultations and Joint Committee Meetings (Bilateral):

Meeting on Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between SL and Russia was held on 15 June 2021.

First-ever Foreign Office Consultation (FOC) with Germany was held on 14 July 2021 (virtual).

SL-Turkey 02nd Joint Commission on Economic & Technical Cooperation was held on 11 June 2021.

Bilateral Political Consultations with Russia was held on 08 October 2021 in Moscow and the 03rd FOC with Switzerland on 08 November 2021.

Hon. Foreign Minister addressed a gathering of members of both Houses of the British Parliament and other dignitaries, in the House of Lords during a luncheon hosted by Lord Michael Naseby on 27 October 2021.

Ongoing work

In the process of facilitating 03rd IGC on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation with Russia in February 2022, First Meeting of the Joint Commission between Sri Lanka and Russia in the first quarter of 2022 and the Joint Working Group on Agriculture between Sri Lanka and Russia in the first quarter of 2022. Work to facilitate the first Foreign Office Consultations between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands in April 2022.

Work in relation to celebrating 70 years of Diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands in 2022, and 65 years of diplomatic relations with Russia in 2022.

Establishment of Diplomatic Relations, Opening of SL Missions/Posts, Appointment of Hony. Consuls:

Cabinet approval to open SL Mission in Romania and Spain was granted and opening of Consulate in Sicily is in progress. Formal diplomatic relations with Lichtenstein was established on 05 March 2021. Facilitated appointment of Hony. Consuls for Germany for the Consular jurisdictions of: Hamburg & Schleswig – Holstein, Radolfzel, Bavaria.

Facilitation of High level, Inward and Outward Visits and Calls:

Facilitated outward visits/provides inputs for meetings of:

- Visit of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister to attend Global Inter-Faith Forum 12-14 September 2021 and provided inputs for keynote speech.
- The Prime Minister met H.E. Borut Pahor, President of Slovenia on the G20 Inter-Faith Forum in Bologna, Italy on 12 September 2021.
- The Prime Minister and Hon. Foreign Minister met H.E. Romano Prodi, Former Prime Minister and Former President of the European Commission of Italy during the visit.
- Hon.Prof. G.L. Peries met His Eminence Matteo Maria Zuppi, Archbishop of Bologna, H.E.Mevlut cavusoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister and H.E. Bartolo Evarist, FM, Malta and H.E Marina Sereni, Vice FM, Italy Bologna, Italy in September 2021.
- Hon. Prof.G.L.Peries, Foreign Minister met the Turkish Foreign Minister on the sidelines of 76th UNGA in September 2021.
- Visit of Hon. Ajith Niward Cabraal, State Minister for State Minister of Finance, Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms and Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries to attend the 24th International Economic Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia from 2-5 June 2021.
- Visit of Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister for Regional Cooperation (SMRC) to Russia from 05 – 08 September 2021 to attend “OTDYKH Leisure Fair” in Moscow, Russia.
- Visit of Hon. Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Minister for Transport and Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, State Minister State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports to Russia from 16 – 23 September to observe the election of Deputies of the State of the Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.
- Visit of Hon Tharaka Balasuriya, SMRC and Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga, Minister of Tourism attended International French Tourism Trade Fair (IFTM TOP RESA 2021) from 05 – 08 October 2021, in Paris, France.
- Visit of Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, SMRC to Ukraine from 9-10 September 2021 to promote Sri Lanka in terms of trade, tourism and investment.
- Visit of Hon. Prof. G.L. Peiris, Foreign Minister to United Kingdom from 25 – 28 October 2021. Hon. Prof. Peiris met with UK Foreign Secretary the RT Hon Elizabeth Truss, The Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Michael

Naseby and Lord Davis of Abersoch, British Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Sri Lanka.

- Visit of H.E. the President to UK to attend the World Leaders' Summit of UNFCCC CoP-26 held from 1-2 November 2021, Glasgow, and UK. On the sidelines, H.E. the President had bilateral meetings with HRH Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Rt Hon Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister of Nepal, H.E. Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, HE Aleksandar Vučić, President of Serbia and The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of WTO.
- Visit of H.E. Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of Russian Federation from 22 -24 November 2021. During the visit he called on H.E. the President and Defence consultations were held between the visiting delegation and the Ministry of Defence.

Facilitated following telephone calls and video calls of:

- Hon Dinesh Gunawardena, Foreign Minister and Hon Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister of Russia on 07 June 2021
- Facilitation of virtual participation by Hon. Foreign Minister at the International Conference 'Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities' held in Uzbekistan on July 15-16, 2021.
- Video call between Foreign Minister, Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena and Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister for South Asia and Commonwealth of the UK in January 2021 and on 17 June 2021.
- Hon. Ranil Jayawardena, the UK Minister for International Trade and Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, SMRC on 29 June 2021.
- Video call between Foreign Minister, Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena and Hon. Jean Asselborn, Foreign Minister of Luxembourg on 09 July 2021.
- Hon. Prof. G.L. Peiris, Foreign Minister and Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister for South Asia and Commonwealth of the UK on 09 September 2021.

Facilitation and follow up on important bilateral Agreements/MoUs/Programmes:

- Cabinet approval received for MoU on Micro plastics Research with UK and ready for signature.
- Cabinet approval received for Draft Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters between Sri Lanka and Russia, and ready for signature
- Negotiations were completed and ready for signature of MoUs on treaty on the Transfer of Sentenced persons, with Czech Republic and Draft MoU on Authorizations to engage in paid Employment for Family Members of Agents of the Official Missions of Each State in the other State, and Cabinet Approval is awaited.
- Negotiations were completed for the MoU agreed on Healthcare Cooperation with UK, received the Cabinet approval and ready for signature.

- Negotiations are at the final stage of MoU on Youth Development with Russia and MoU on Physical Culture and Sports with Russia
- Negotiations are in progress for the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Germany
- Cabinet approval received for MoU on Micro plastics Research with UK and ready for signature.
- Facilitated the loan of €25 million (Rs.357 billion) from the Government of Germany to construct Mahamodara Maternity Hospital (Helmuth Cole Hospital) in Galle.

Negotiations are in progress:

MoU on Cooperation in the Field of the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes with Russia. Renewal Agreement on Driving License and prisoner transfer with Italy, Agreement of the Intelligence Exchange and Mutual Protection of Classified Inform at on or Material with Germany, and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany and the Department of History & Archaeology of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Work towards the visit of Foreign Minister of Hungary to Sri Lanka and worked towards the conclusion of MoU on Education Cooperation (Stipendium Hungarian Scholarships), Air Services Agreements, Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with Hungary

Multilateral Relations

Commonwealth

- Facilitated annual Health Ministers' Meeting of Commonwealth, held 20-21 May 2021.
- Participated at the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting (CFAMM) on 16 September 2021.
- Work is in progress to facilitate Sri Lanka's attendance at the next Commonwealth's Heads of Government Meeting in Rwanda, June 2022.

European Union

- Convening of 23rd Session of the EU-SL Joint Commission on 25 January 2021. Facilitation of EU-SL Working Group in Development Cooperation Meeting. SL submission was made on EU GSP+ Implementation Monitoring Process – Follow-up Questions + Scorecard 2020-2021 on 25 June 2021. EU-SL Joint Readmission Committee was held in July 2021.
- Facilitated the visit of EU Monitoring Mission to review Sri Lanka's EU GSP plus compliances to 27 International Conventions from 24 September to 05 October 2021. On the sidelines of this visit, EU-SL Working Group on Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights held on 29 September 2021 in Colombo where they took stock of the progress made on issues.

- H.E. the President met the President of Latvia H.E. Egils Levits on the sidelines of 76th UNGA in September 2021.
- Hon. Prof. G.L Peiris, Foreign Minister met the Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister for South Asia and Commonwealth of UK on the sidelines of 76th UNGA in 24 September 2021.
- Hon.Prime Minister met Hon. David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament on the G20 Inter-Faith Forum in Bologna, Italy on 12 September 2021.
- Work is in progress towards the EU-SL Working Group on Trade and Economic Relations Cooperation on 26 January 2022, EU-SL Working Group on Development Cooperation on 02 December 2022 and EU-SL Investor Dialogue on 31 January 2022. Preparation are being made for the upcoming EU-SL Joint Commission meeting to be held in Brussels on 08 February 2022.

Economic Diplomacy

- Coordinated the signing of the loan agreement with Hungary to build the Flyover at Kohuwala junction and Gatambe. The projects are financed by an interest free loan from Hungary.
- Discussion are in progress to attract green and sustainable investment for SL's green projects from Luxembourg Stock Exchange and EIB.
- SLEMB/Brussels organized a webinar in collaboration with Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Luxembourg Chamber of commerce.
- SLHC/London re-launched of the UK-SL Business Chamber accredited to the British Chamber of Commerce.
- SLEMB/Paris organized of a webinar with MEDEF and METF in France in collaboration with CCI

Defence& Security cooperation

- The Ministry continued to work with the Mission in Brussels to canvass to retain the EU proscription on LTTE as a terrorist organization in the EU which was extended on 19 July 2021 for six months until January 2022.

Migrant Labour Welfare/Overseas Sri Lankans & Covid related activities

Migrant Labour Welfare/Overseas Sri Lankans

- Facilitated the conclusion and signing of Agreement between Sri Lanka and Switzerland on Safe & Regular Labour Migration for Sri Lankans Phase IV. (Signed on 07 September 2021)

COVID-19 related assistance

- Euro 02Mn. grant allocation by the EU to support GoSL efforts in addressing COVID -19 crisis (channeled through WHO).
- Facilitated the repatriation of overseas Sri Lankans. Facilitated ventilators and protective equipment from Turkey, and several consignments of Sputnik V vaccine from Russia, and requests have been made to EU and UK to receive 600, 000 doses of AstraZeneca Vaccine.

- Facilitated to import and administer the AstraZeneca vaccine to the diplomatic staff of the British High Commission in Colombo
- Facilitated to import and administer the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine to the Staff of the Netherland Embassy.

Middle East Division

Bilateral Relations

Visits

H.E. the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa attended Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) and met with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of United Arab Emirates on 4 – 7 December 2021 in UAE.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, the Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development, and the delegation visited Doha and met with H.E. Dr. Ali bin Saeed bin Smaikh Al Marri, the Minister of Labour of the State of Qatar on 19 December 2021.

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya State Minister Regional Cooperation and Hon. Priyankara Jayarathna State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification visited the State of Qatar from 11 -15 October 2021.

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Regional Cooperation of Sri Lanka graced the presentation ceremony of the Hockey Tournament 2021 in Oman on 29 December 2021, as the Guest of Honour representing Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth and Sports of Sri Lanka.

Special Representative of Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, State Minister of Finance, Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal visited the Sultanate of Oman from 07 -10 April 2021 carrying a special message from Prime Minister Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa addressed to Sultan of Oman His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik.

The Governor of the Central Bank, Ajith Nivard Cabraal and Senior Officials of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka visited Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend meetings with the senior counterpart officials and other investors during the period from 11 to 18 December 2021.

The Governor and Senior Officials of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka visited Dubai in 5 November upon the invitation received from the Securities and Exchange Commission of UAE and to attend meetings with investors of the Sultanate of Oman during the period from 03 to 09 November 2021

Delegation headed by the Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal visited the State of Qatar from 20-22 October 2021. The delegation met with the Governor of the Central Bank of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Saoud Al-Thani, and carried forward the discussion on the collaboration between the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Central Bank of the State of Qatar.

SLEMB/ UAE arranged several high-level Ministerial visits during the reviewed period i.e visit of Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Development coordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development and Hon D.V. Chanaka State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development from 07 – 11 March 2021, visit of Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy to UAE from 20 -24 September 2021; Chief of Staff of Army, Navy and Air force from 21 -25 February 2021, Hon. Sarath Weerasekara , Minister of Public Security from 12 -16 December 2021.

Hon. Marjan Faleel (MP) has represented H.E the President of Sri Lanka at the inauguration ceremony of the newly elected President of the Islamic Republic of Iran H.E. Ayatollah Seyed Ebrahim, on 5 August 2021.

Hon.Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy visited to UAE for participate to the GASTECH and Iran for Bilateral meeting with the Iranian Minister of Petroleum during 24 -27 September 2021.

Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the Sultanate of Oman on 17 February 2021 in collaboration with the Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman.

Facilitate the Virtual Meetings:

H.E. the President of Sri Lanka had a virtual Meeting with the Secretary General of Organization for Islamic Countries Dr Yousef Al-Othaimeen on 21 of March 2021.

Meeting between H.E. Adel Bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia with Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, former Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka on 11 of August 2021.

Meeting between H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan Cabinet member, Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation of UAE with Hon. Prof.G.L Peiris Foreign Minister on 5 December on the Slide lines of Indian Ocean Conference.

Talk with the Secretary with the respective Ambassadors, Head of posts in Middle East Division on 8 July 2021.

The Division has facilitated several Courtesy calls, Meetings with resident Heads of Missions between Hon. Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary.

Virtual Meetings - Political Consultations and Joint Commission Meetings:

The first Round of Political Consultations meeting between Sri Lanka and Bahrain were held (virtually) on 21 October 2021.

3rd round of Political Consultations is scheduled to be held on 1 February 2022.

Sri Lanka-UAE Joint Committee

Sri Lanka-UAE Joint Committee is scheduled to take place either in the later part of 2021 or the first quarter of 2022 in parallel to either of the high-level visits during the EXPO 2020 (October 2021 – March 2022)

Follow up /work in progress of Bilateral Agreements; MOU on Consular Affairs between the Government of Sri Lanka and the UAE was signed in 2018 and the Ministry is working with the UAE authorities to form. The Joint Committee which is pending from both sides.

Sri Lanka side has shared a draft Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments between the United Arab Emirates and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

The first round of negotiations was held during the period from 1-2 September 2021.

- Following the session of ‘Talk with Secretary, this division has taken actions to follow up Agreements with the consultation of Missions to obtain the current status of the pending agreements.
- Under the Agreement concerning the regulation of Sri Lankan Manpower Employment in the State of Qatar, Qatar-Sri Lanka Joint Committee was held (virtually) on 16 June 2021.

Finalized Agreements:

Oman: Agreement on the Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic, Special, Service, and Official passports between Sri Lanka and the Sultanate of Oman on 17 February 2021.

MOU between the National Chambers of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) and the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) signed on 07 July 2021.

A non-binding agreement was signed between the Urban Development Authority and Oman Shumookh Investment LLC on 26 July 2021.

Iran: Agreement on Proposed Scheme for increasing Sale of Ceylon Tea to Iran through the settlement of an outstanding payment for oil prices between Ministry of Industries, Mine and Trade of Iran and Ministry of Plantation of Sri Lanka was signed on 21 December 2021.

Bahrain : Agreement between Bahrain and Sri Lanka on the exemption of Visa Requirements for Holders of DPL, Special and Official Passports on 23 September 2021.

Israel: Finalized negotiations to sign the Protocol on the amendments to the Air Transport Agreement between Sri Lanka and Israel. Agreement on Temporary Employment of Sri Lankan Workers in the Specific Labour Market Sectors (Caregiving Sector) in Israel was signed on 24 February 2020

Facilitated the Bilateral Meetings on the sidelines of the 76th UNGA 2021.

- Bilateral discussion between the H.E. Gotabaya Rajapaksa President - Emir of the State of Qatar H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani
- H.H. Seikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait
- Emir of the State of Qatar H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.
- Secretary-General of the OIC H.E. Dr. Yousef A Al-Othaimeen discusses with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister prospects for bilateral relations
- Bilateral meeting with H.E. Mrs. Zeina Akar, Deputy Prime Minister Foreign and Defence Minister of the Republic of Lebanon.

Economic Diplomacy

- Successful Coordination by SLEMB/Bahrain for a Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) project in Sri Lanka with BOI.
- The Mission in Doha participated at “The 8th Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition AgriteQ – 2021” held in Doha from 23-27 March 2021 and promoted Sri Lankan agricultural products and tourism.
- 78 new Sri Lankan food products from Ceylon Biscuit Limited and Tradlanka Ltd were exported to SPAR Oman in April 2021.
- Conclusion of a mega trade, Tourism & Tea promotional event “Sri Lanka Fest” in Bahrain(29 Sept - 03 Oct 2021)
- Tourism Promotional event “Destination Sri Lanka” was successfully held at the premises of the SLEMB/Tehran on 26 October 2021 with the support of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.
- The Honorary Consulate of Sri Lanka in Kurdistan has organized Erbil Asian Expo 2021 in Erbil collaboration with the Kushma Company on 26 - 29 October. The SLEMB/Bagdad was involved with the support of the Ceylon Tea Board to make 08 tea companies agree to participate the Exhibition.
- A Webinar on “Business and Investment Opportunities” in Sri Lanka organized by the SLEMB/Tel Aviv in collaboration with the Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka, Israel - Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce and Israel - Asia Chamber of Commerce was successfully held on 16 February 2021.
- Arkia Israel Airlines Ltd., one of the leading private airlines in Israel expressed their interest to send Israeli tour groups to Sri Lanka under the concept of “Bio bubble capsules” during the COVID -19/post COVID-19 pandemic as a pilot project.

- The Mission organized a Webinar on 28.04.2021 in collaboration with the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) of Sri Lanka, the Federation of Israeli Chamber of Commerce (FICC) and the Israel – Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce under the theme “Grow beyond Traditional Markets” to create a market awareness with the participation of more than 20 Sri Lankan exporters.
- SLEMB/ Abu Dhabi and SLCG/Dubai Coordinated successful discussions with the organizers of ‘EXPO 2021’ and SLTPB and met a number of the requirements and several EXPO site visits.
- SLEMB/Abu Dhabi facilitated Sri Lankan companies to promote Ceylon Tea and other Sri Lankan brands during the ‘Gulf Food Festival’.
- Established ‘Sri Lanka IT Professional Association’ comprising over 200 Sri Lankan IT professionals and leading UAE’s IT companies to connect with the Sri Lanka IT sector to open market access for Sri Lankan companies.
- In February 2021, organised a webinar with the Chairman of STTPB and connected over 100 UAE travel operators and briefed on new Air Bubble arrangements for UAE travelers.
- Ceylon Tea at the International Bazaar of the Diplomatic Club of Syria washeld at the Al Buzuriyh Souq, Damascus on 09 October 2021.
- 17 Sri Lankan Fish exports were registered to export fish product to KSA and temporary restrictions on Green tea and cloves was lifted.
- SLEMB/Jeddah has inaugurated and organized the Sri Lankan food week at the LuLu Hypermarket from 8-14 September 2021

Other :

Meeting with the Controller Immigration and Emigration and the Ambassador of Kuwait.

- The Ministry facilitated a virtual meeting with Controller General of the Department of Immigration and Emigration following the “Talk with Secretary” , on 20 July 2021 with the participation of Sri Lanka Ambassador in Kuwait, and Director General/Middle East to resolve issues related to passports and other related immigration matters in Kuwait.
- Repatriation of 187 destitute OSLs on 21 January 2021 provided 800 food kits and medicine for needy OSL in February 2021.
- Jordan Govt. has expressed their support for Sri Lanka's candidature for election to the International Law Commission for the Term 2023- 2027 in New York.
- Sri Lanka Embassy in Jorden facilitated obtaining 706 new jobs for Sri Lankans between 1 January to 30 September 2021. The 706 Sri Lankans are now working in Jordan since January this year.
- SLEMB/Qatar facilitated the air shipment of the 460 Oxygen Cylinders, 22 Pulse Oximeters and 10 Oxygen Regulators to the Sri Lankan health sector and deposited

QAR.5000/- to the “ITUKAMA –COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund” to reinforce the capacity of the health sector.

- SLEMB/Beirut has coordinated Consular Mobile Service which was conducted at the Hon. Consulate of Sri Lanka in Syria on 04 September 2021.
- SLEMB/Beirut has facilitated 60 Optimal Fingertip Pulse Oximeters to the Nevil Fernando Hospital and Wathupitiwala Hospital.

South Asia & SARRC Division

Bilateral Relations

Facilitation of high-level inward / outward visits

This Division facilitated the visit of Hon. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, India to Sri Lanka in January 2021, the visit of the Indian Foreign Secretary to Sri Lanka on 02-05 October 2021 and the visit of Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army to Sri Lanka from 12-16 October 2021.

The Division obtained necessary approvals for establishing a career Consulate General Office in Kolkata which was delayed since 2015 and the Office will be opened in January 2022.

The visit of Pakistan Prime Minister in 23-24 February 2021 signified the continued cordial bilateral relations and yielded a renewed commitment of Pakistan support to Sri Lanka at UN HRC. The Division and SLHC/Pakistan coordinated the visit.

The Division and the SLHC/Bangladesh coordinated the visit of Hon. Prime Minister to Bangladesh from 19 -20 March 2021 at the invitation of Prime Minister of Bangladesh which contributed to strengthen the bilateral relations, with the signing of agreements/ MoUs and a currency swap offer.

The new High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India, H.E. Milinda Moragoda presented credentials to the President of India on 22 September 2021.

The SLHC/New Delhi coordinated the assistance from India pertaining to MV-X-Press Pearl ship disaster.

The SLHC/New Delhi facilitated the creation of air travel bubble between India and Sri Lanka.

The SLHC/New Delhi negotiated with the Indian Government for releasing 12 Sri Lankan fishermen who were under the judicial custody in the Andaman Islands and facilitated their return to Sri Lanka.

The Division and the SLHC/New Delhi coordinated with the Government of India and the Prime Minister's office to facilitate the inaugural flight to Kushinagar International Airport on 20 October 2021.

The SLDHC/Chennai coordinated with the UNHCR for voluntary repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees in India.

The Foreign Minister had bilateral discussions with Bangladesh Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and State Minister of the shipping on the sidelines of IORA meeting in Dhaka, 17 November. The Division facilitated all bilateral meetings and currently following up the pending Agreements with the relevant line Ministries to finalize Agreement on Coastal Shipping between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Stranded Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Feeder Service between Colombo and Chattogram operated by Ceylon Shipping Corporation LTD (CSC) and Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) and the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA).

The Division also facilitated the visit of Bangladesh military officials to attend the training programmes on counter Terrorism etc. in December 2021.

Facilitated the visit of Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance to India on 01-02 December 2021. Bilateral meetings were arranged by the SLHC/ New Delhi with Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, India and as a result of this visit Sri Lanka was able to obtain a number of financial assistance from India.

Made arrangements for the inaugural flight consisting of 100 Buddhist monks and high level dignitaries from Sri Lanka led by Hon. Minister of Sports to the opening of the Kushinagar International Airport, India.

This Division arranged telephone discussions between H.E. the President, and the Pakistan Prime Minister and the two Foreign Ministers immediately after the murder of a Sri Lankan national in Pakistan.

The Mission facilitated signing the MoU between COMSATS University of Islamabad and KDU of Sri Lanka.

Facilitated a meeting between H.E. the President and the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Nepal on the sidelines of CoP-26, in Glasgow on 02 November.

Negotiated and finalized Agreements

During this period, the Ministry finalized the texts of several long pending MoUs including (1) MoU for the implementation of the Indian grant to promote Buddhist ties between India and Sri Lanka, (2) amendment of the MoU for the construction of the Jaffna Cultural Center (JCC), (3) MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the BIDTI, Sri Lanka, (4) several Defence cooperation and Education sector MoUs.

The Mission facilitated interaction between the Chamber of Industry of Morang (CIM) and the Ceylon National Chamber of Industry (CNCI) leading towards signing a MOU scheduled for 27 January 2022.

Economic Diplomacy

India

SL Missions in India conducted successful business networking sessions, B2B meetings and consultations, investment and tourism promotion webinars, accommodated business inquiries, introduction of new products to Indian markets, Joint Venture collaborations, and promotion of investment proposals, identified potential investors, addressed policy issues in relation to trade and investments.

Convened all stakeholders' meeting with the participation of Hon. Governor of the Northern Province to discuss the way forward in respect of the escalating fisheries issue involving Indian fishermen.

Pakistan

The 12th Session of Pak-Sri Lanka Joint Economic Commission was held virtually on 3 February 2021. The SLHC/Islamabad facilitated the 7th Session of Commerce Secretary Level talks held on 18 February 2021.

Pakistan offered \$ 50 million defense credit line for defense cooperation. PKR 52 million for promotion of SL sports. Pakistan offered 100 scholarships in the field of medicine as a result of the visit of Hon. Prime Minister of Pakistan in February 2021.

The Mission facilitated a delegation of 120 from Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) for International Achievement award (IAA) ceremony in Colombo. Hon. Prime Minister was the Chief Guest at the event.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh approved \$200 million currency swap agreement with Sri Lanka in May 2021 as a result of the Hon. Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh from 19 -20 March 2021.

First meeting of Preferential Trade Agreement between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh was held on 30 June 2021 at the Department of Commerce in Sri Lanka.

The Mission in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau organized a Webinar on 7 November 2021 to build awareness with Bangladesh stakeholders relevant to tourism.

Nepal

The Division in coordination with the SLEMB/Kathmandu made arrangements for Sri Lankan Airlines to commence four direct flights from Kathmandu to Colombo from 31 August 2021.

The Division facilitated the webinar on gem& jewelry related industries on 12 March 2021 organized by the SLEMB/Kathmandu and the State Ministry for Gem and Jewelry related industries.

The SLEMB/Kathmandu organized a webinar on construction industry organized with the EDB on 04 May2021 which brought together construction industry partners and companies in one platform.

An interactive B2B session among twenty construction companies from Sri Lanka and Nepal was organized virtually.

The Maldives

Facilitated signing of the renewed MOU between the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Maldives National Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 20 December 2021.

The SLHC/ Maldives held a meeting with the Minister of Economic Development of Maldives to discuss about the changes in the Foreign Share Holding in shipping and logistic related agency business of Sri Lanka in Maldives.

Defence and Security Cooperation

The Division in coordination with the Ministry of Defence participated at the Deputy National Security Advisory Level Virtual Meeting between India, Sri Lanka and Maldives on 4 August 2021 chaired by the Chief of Defence Staff in Sri Lanka

The SLHC/New Delhi facilitated the participation of Sri Lankan delegation at the “Aero India 2021” held in Bangalore and the International Collaboration Visit of Study Tour of Defence Services Command & Staff College.

The SLHC/New Delhi also facilitated the movement of medical grade Oxygen from India to Sri Lanka by Indian and Sri Lankan Naval Ships.

The Division facilitated military personnel in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and India for attending training courses organized by the Ministry of Defense in Sri Lanka.

The Division in coordination with the SLHC/Bangladesh and the Ministry of Defense facilitated the visit of the Chief of Air Staff of Bangladesh Air Force Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat on 03 March2021 on a six day official visit to participate on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air force.

The SLHC/Maldives participated at the inaugural of 14th Indo-Pacific Intelligence Chiefs Conference on 06 September2021. The SLHC/ Islamabad facilitated the visit of the Chief of Defense Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army from 18-25 March 2020.

Coordinated the arrival of Sri Lanka Coast Guard Ship “Suraksha” to participate in the Trilateral Exercise “Dosti XV from 20-24 November 2021.

Multi-lateral Cooperation

The SLHC/ New Delhi lobbied for support for Sri Lanka against the resolution on Sri Lanka at the 46th Session of the UNHRC and for Sri Lanka's candidatures.

Pakistan has extended their support to Sri Lanka at the 46th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Pakistan being a partner of Colombo declaration on Sustainable Nitrogen Management extended its support to Sri Lankans initiatives.

The SLEMB/ Kathmandu lobbied for support to Sri Lanka in the Human Rights Council. As a result Nepal made a statement supportive of progress made by Sri Lanka at the 46th Session in February 2021.

The SLHC/Maldives sought support from the Government of Maldives for the Candidate of Sri Lanka to the International Law Commission for the term 2023—2027.

Public Diplomacy

All South Asian Missions have actively utilized the reach of the social media (Facebook and Twitter) to promptly disseminate information on the official positions of Sri Lanka on various issues as well as to establish a positive image of the country.

Migrant Labor Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankans & COVID related activities

The SLHC/New Delhi coordinated the procurement of COVID 19 vaccines, more than 400 tons of medical grade Oxygen, 30,500 doses of Remdesivir injections, emergency medical supplies, restricted medicinal drugs from India and facilitated emergency medical travels to India by Sri Lankan citizens during the lockdown. Even during international passenger arrival restrictions in India, the Ministry and Missions facilitated visits of a large number of Sri Lankans with extreme medical emergencies to take treatment in India. Facilitated the voluntary repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees from India following the resumption of regular Flight operations from India to Sri Lanka in March 2021.

The SLHC/ India repatriated 129 Sri Lankan nationals from India during the lock down in 2021.

The SLHC/ Maldives has repatriated 08 fishing vessels and 41 fishermen arrested for illegally fishing in the Maldivian Waters.

The SLEMB/Kathmandu intervened with relevant authorities in Nepal to encourage the vaccine being prioritized and extended to Sri Lankan medical students.

Arrangements were made by the Division to evacuate the Sri Lankans in Afghanistan following the collapse of legitimate government in Afghanistan. Accordingly, 69 Sri Lankans safely returned from Afghanistan.

SAARC

Sri Lanka pledged USD 5 million to the SAARC COVID-19 Emergency Fund. SAARC COVID-19 Emergency Fund is currently operationalized for urgent medical requirements of Member States.

SAARC Development Fund (SDF) provided USD 1 million to the National Hospital in Kandy for setting up of COVID isolation ward.

SAARC Division, being the focal point for SAARC Secretariat, has coordinated the following meetings/activities.

- 15th Meeting of Governing Board of the SAARC Agricultural Centre
- Workshop on Intangible Culture Heritage of Architecture
- Research seminar and Research Grants for Protection of Cultural Heritage from the Impact of Climate Change and Disasters
- 10th Meeting of Governing Board of the South Asian Regional Standards Organization (SARSO)
- Identified a national Focal Point for Biotechnology
- 31st Meeting of Governing Board of the SAARC Tuberculosis & HIV/AIDS Centre

SAARC Division facilitated for “SAARC PHD Scholarship-2021” which was awarded to Sri Lankan professional at National Aquatic Recourses Research and Development Agency (NARA) by the SAARC Agriculture Centre. Coordinated with line agencies for the meetings /webinars organized by the SAARC regional/specialized bodies. The Division also conducted an exam/interview to select the Desk Officer from Sri Lanka to the SAARC Secretariat.

South East Asia Division

Bilateral Relations

Revitalization of bilateral cooperation through enhanced political consultations with accredited destinations:

- Preparations to hold 1st round of bilateral political consultations with Malaysia, 4th round of political consultations with Viet Nam, 5th round of political consultations with Thailand, and 1st round of Political consultations with Lao PDR.

Measures were taken to initiate, finalize and renew bilateral instruments on: Agriculture, Defence, Tourism, Air Services, Combatting Illicit Trafficking and Abuse in Narcotic drugs with Philippine/Election Cooperation, Creative Economy and Sport with

Indonesia /Education, Mutual Assistance in Custom Matters, Agriculture Cooperation, Mutual Protection and Exchange of Classified Information with Viet Nam/SEP and Culture with Thailand/ Cultural Cooperation, Education, Tourism, Trade, Sport and Commerce with Cambodia and Lao PDR

Strengthening bilateral relations through high-level interactions: Telephone conversation between H.E. the President with the President of Philippines in March 2021/Telephone conversation between the two Foreign Ministers of Sri Lanka and the Philippines in January 2021.

Issuance of Stamp in July 2021 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic relations with Singapore.

Facilitation of a donation of 8 beach cleaning machinery worth USD180,000 by a Singapore based association to Marine Environment Protection Authority/ Sri Lanka.

Donation of marble pagoda valued at approx. 10,000,000 LKR from the Government of Myanmar, pursuant to request from Sri Lanka during the 3rd Session of the Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Myanmar.

Establishment of Vaccinated Travel Lane for travel between Sri Lanka and Singapore.

Following up with officials of the Maritime and Port Authority and Foreign Ministry of Singapore on the incident of the vessel MV X-Press Pearl and donation of beach cleaning machines to Sri Lanka.

Finalized and ready to sign the MoUs on Agricultural Cooperation, Cooperation in Custom Matters, Agreement on Mutual Protection and Exchange of Classified Information & Agreement on Educational Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Viet Nam.

Work-in progress

Bilateral discussions with the Foreign Ministry of Malaysia to schedule the next session of the Joint Commission between the two countries in mid 2022 and follow up meetings on evaluation of bilateral instruments to expedite conclusion of the same.

Discussions on possible high-level visits of the delegations headed by Philippines Secretary, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Secretary, Dept. of Defence to Sri Lanka in the 1st quarter of 2022 to hold 3rd round of political consultations between Sri Lanka and the Philippines and annual Lakshman Kadirgamar Memorial Lecture and possible MOU on Defence Co-operation and initiation of defence co-operation dialogue.

Follow up and holding of Bilateral Political Consultations between Sri Lanka and Viet Nam and scheduling of 4th Session of Sri Lanka Viet Nam Joint Commission in early 2022.

Multilateral Relations

Frequent engagement with UN agencies, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ARF, Colombo Plan State College (CPSC), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Regional Carbon Cycle Assessment and Processes (ReCCAP) and building partnerships to complement the government's development agenda.

Sri Lanka participated at the ARF SOM in June 2021 and the 28th ASEAN Regional Forum (Foreign Ministerial level) in August 2021 virtually. It was decided that ARF ISM on NPD will be co-chaired by Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the US until 2024. Sri Lanka will lead the area of use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

ARF: Expressing Sri Lanka's commitment to invest in youth affairs for future prosperity, this year, Sri Lanka co-sponsored a Joint Statement to Promote the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda together with Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Australia, US, New Zealand, and Canada/Preparations are being made in cooperation with the Disaster Management Centre in Sri Lanka, to host ARF Workshop in next inter-sessional year, in the field of disaster management, with special focus on the disaster-prone Southeast Asian region.

Message by Hon. Prime Minister at the opening session of the 77th UNESCAP and Country statement by Foreign Secretary on 27 April 2021 virtually.

SL HoMs briefed interlocutors on Sri Lanka's submission of the dossier for Sectoral Dialogue Partnership to ASEAN in March 2019 and sought support for Sri Lanka's application to become a Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

SL Ambassador / Bangkok was elected as Vice Chair of the 4th Ministerial Conference on Transport and chaired Ministerial segment.

Sri Lanka hosted the 5th South Asia Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals in November 2021 in Colombo, in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Council of Sri Lanka.

Economic Diplomacy

Facilitation of business to business interactions between prospective buyers/ investors in accredited countries and with Business parties, Chambers and Government officials in Sri Lanka by SL Missions, conducting discussions with public and private sectors in the accredited countries to attract investments to Colombo Port City project and other identified locations in the country and promotion of Sri Lankan products/tourism through exhibitions/virtual conferences, and other platforms including:-

The SLEMB/ Indonesia: Facilitation of meetings between the State Minister of Regional Cooperation and Minister of Tourism of Sri Lanka and relevant counterparts in Indonesia on the areas of the creative economy, and investment projects in the areas of electric vehicles, pharmaceutical manufacturing in the Hambantota zone and Textile cooperation.

Organized a tourism webinar in December 2021 with SLTPB and National Chamber of Commerce of Indonesia where 19 travel agents participated. Also organized a meeting in partnership with BOI and the Indonesian Electric Vehicle Industry Association to explore investment in EV sector. The Embassy organized a meeting with EDB to promote Sri Lanka gems to top Indonesian Jewellery Company.

The SLEMB/Malaysia: Facilitated meetings between the State Ministry of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection of Sri Lanka and the relevant Malaysian Government Agencies, on the matters of Palm Oil Industry.

Submitted two proposals to Sri Lanka Tourism on promoting Sri Lanka as a tourist destination, held discussions with Buddhist temples/institutions to promote 'Religious Tourism' and held a series of online discussions with a number of Malaysian companies to seek the possibility of attracting investments to Sri Lanka.

SLEMB/Philippine: Investment opportunities were introduced to a reputed Philippine conglomerate (Aboitiz Group), in the agri-industry particularly in animal feed manufacturing/introduced Ceylon Biscuits Limited to a reputed Philippine coconut exporting company to explore joint venture opportunities in the coconut processing sector.

Promotion of creative high-end culture collaborative engagement between Buddhi Batiks of SL and Kaftan One on batik fashion creations to working on exporting SL batik material to the Philippines. In the sectors of food manufacturing, fisheries, retail distribution meetings with Philippine business conglomerates (CDO, Frabelle, Century Pacific, etc.) for possible joint venture partnerships and facilitated contacts with Sri Lankan business counterparts. Appointment of CFO of the Real Steel Corporation as Hony. Consul of Sri Lanka in Davao and donation of US \$ 20,000 to the Itukama – Covid 19 Fund. Also facilitated the holding of an exclusive promotion webinar for NKAR Travels and Tours to 25 members of the NAITAS.

SLEMB/Singapore: Coordination of the subcommittee activities of Sri Lanka Singapore Business Council mainly on education, Fintech, boating, gems, and real estate. FDI received from Singapore to Sri Lanka is at US\$ 18.077 Mn. for the first half of 2021.

Coordinated and facilitated with SL EDB and Ministry of Trade the participation of 08 Singaporean boat and ship building companies, accessory manufactures and charter

operators in the First ever International Virtual Boat Show held in Sri Lanka in October 2021. Also coordinated the participation of SL companies with leading food manufacturers and suppliers showcasing natural, organic and plant-based foods at the event “Food and Hotel Asia (FHA) Match: Fine food” in October 2021. Coordination with exporters in SL and distributors in Singapore to introduce the many varieties of agri-produce, leading to the first shipment of Red Papaya from SL to Singapore

SLEMB/Vietnam: Conducting one-to-one online meetings with approximately 50 Outbound Travel Agents from Viet Nam/ Investment promotion through several activities in cooperation with CCC/ Introduction of Sri Lanka’s IT industry.

Joined Smart City Conference and DX Day Viet Nam 2021 and recommended 2 trade fairs in Viet Nam for March and December 2022. Meeting with Animal Health Department of Viet Nam to discuss possibility of exporting SL seafood and meat products to Viet Nam. Discussions are ongoing with Bamboo Airways, of the FLC Group of Viet Nam to arrange charter flights to Sri Lanka. Arranged 14 B2B meeting and Business networking sessions between SL and Vietnamese business entities in trade, investment, consultancy and tourism sectors, facilitated 11 trade inquiries and intervened and amicably settled 01 Trade Dispute.

SLEMB/Thailand: coordinated with SLINTEC, to follow up the progress of Battery development project utilizing graphene in Sri Lanka to collaborate with Toyota Daihatsu Engineering & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. in Thailand and for a joint project with SCG Plc in Thailand/Facilitating the process of importation of sprats from Thailand on G-to-G basis and seeking possibility for a barter trade with Thailand to import sprats and dry fish.

Finalization of dates for 3rd Sri Lanka -Thailand Trade Negotiating Committee (SLTTNC), 4th Meeting of Sub-Committee on Trade Related Matters between SL and Thailand. Participated at the 2nd YWCA Christmas Charity Bazaar jointly with ‘Dilmah Tea’, renewing Sri Lanka Tea Board Trade Mark for Cambodia and Lao PDR. Took part in online briefing organized by the Thai Travel Agents Association (TTAA), provided due publicity to the virtual boat show held in October 2021. Initiated the visit of a prominent Thai influencer to Sri Lanka, in collaboration with Sri Lankan Airlines in Thailand.

SLEMB/Myanmar: Assisting Sri Lankan investors/ business community during the political instability in the country/discussions were held with the authorities and other stakeholders including the Myanmar National Airlines and the Myanmar Airways International to establish direct air connectivity between Sri Lanka and Myanmar/Initiations were made on the Circuit connectivity between Colombo – Yangon – Bodhgaya and Colombo – Yangon - Kathmandu linking significant religious tourist destinations.

Conducted a series of discussions with the public and private sectors in the accredited countries to attract investments to Colombo Port City project and other identified locations in the country.

Initiations were taken to hold 3rd Sri Lanka – Thailand Negotiating Committee/ 4th Meeting of Sub Committee on Trade-Related Matters between Sri Lanka and Thailand and the meeting of the Joint Agriculture Working Group (JAWG).

Promotion of Sri Lankan products/tourism through exhibitions/virtual conferences, and other platforms: promotion of Ceylon tea during the International Tea Day/ Indonesia- in collaboration with the Art Plus Magazine in Jakarta, and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the commencement of an exclusive digital feature on Ceylon Tea targeting the high-end clientele/Singapore- conducted a programme to introduce Ceylon Cinnamon, Ceylon Tea and coconut flour to the e-commerce market place “farm to market platform”/Thailand- facilitated the participation of SLAITO, SLTPB, TSLCC at the “Thai to the World Tourism Dialogue” webinar in July 2021, participated at the 54th Diplomatic Red Cross Bazaar jointly with ‘Dilmah Tea’ in March 2021/Viet Nam- participation at the Viet Nam International Innovation Exhibition 2021.

Defence and Security Cooperation

Establish cooperation among the defence establishments/ coordinate participation of military officers in capacity building programs offered by the respective accredited destinations.

4th Joint Working Group on Combating Terrorism between Sri Lanka and Indonesia was virtually held on 14 July 2021.

Signed MoU between Kotalawala Defence University and Indonesian Defence University on 01 July 2021.

Measures are taken to finalize MoUs with Defence authorities in the accredited destinations in areas of Defence Cooperation, Intelligence Exchange Cooperation, Cooperation in the field of Transnational Crimes, Radicalization, and Violent Extremism.

Renewal of the MoU on cooperation between Sri Lankan and Viet Nam on Police Matters for the period of 2022 – 2027.

Public Diplomacy

Undertook effective promotion of government policies relevant to national development agenda, such as trade, investment, tourism, foreign employment, people to people contacts through events/activities organized by Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad. Participation in similar events organized by institutes, companies, associations in the accredited destinations.

Facilitation of virtual interactions between the Foreign Minister and the State Minister of Regional Cooperation with religious leaders and Sri Lankan associations in Singapore/ Facilitation of promotion of the Buddhist Sector Education in Sri Lanka, in collaboration with EDB, among the prospective Vietnamese Monks, Nuns, and Laymen / publication of six research papers written by eminent scholars from Sri Lanka in the Special Journal Issue on Sri Lanka by VASS/IISAS of Viet Nam.

Education

Bringing together the Philippines Rotary Club of Makati Circle of Friends and the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections to engage with their SL counterparts through a sister club agreement to award 500 scholarships on ICT education to SL students.

Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankan & COVID related activities

Covid-19 Cooperation: Timely intervention/coordination in obtaining financial assistance/ Delivery of COVID 19 related vaccines, medical equipment, from accredited destinations: donation of 300,000 Livinguard face masks to the SLAS Association by the Temasek Foundation of Singapore/Facilitated to send medical supplies worth 21,717.00 SG\$, procured by utilizing funds raised through a public fundraising campaign by the SLBA /facilitated donation of PPE's worth of approx. US\$10,000 by a well-wisher in Singapore/facilitated donation of 250 Oxygen Concentrators by Maha Karuna Buddhist Society in Singapore/donation of 30 Oxygen Concentrators, 108 Oxygen tanks, 62 regulators, and cannulas, and 160 Oximeters by Thai Foreign Ministry, and Buddhist organizations in Thailand/donation of RT PCR Test Kits worth 30,000 US\$ by the Viet Nam Government.

Secured an amnesty period for overstayed Sri Lankan migrant workers in Malaysia for safe return/conducted workshops in collaboration with FAST and CDE in Singapore to educate Sri Lankan migrant workers and short-term training courses were carried out to develop necessary skill sets.

Providing consular assistance, facilitate the welfare of Sri Lankan nationals residing in the accredited destinations through Sri Lanka Missions/Posts in Southeast Asia region: repatriation, extension of visas and resolved various grievances faced by Sri Lankans due to Covid 19 pandemic, handled death cases, resolved many cases related to labor and welfare.

Release of 12 SL fishermen in Myanmar, and release of 2 fishing vessels. In the process to assist the release of 7 other fishermen arrested by the Myanmar Navy.

Discussions were held with 10 companies to secure new job opportunities for Sri Lankans.

Facilitated repatriation/deportation of 113 Sri Lankan detainees/offenders who had completed the due judicial process during the year 2021 from Malaysia.

Mission engages with employees and agents to create suitable working conditions for SL migrant workers in Singapore and regular mobile services for migrant workers were conducted at SL Buddhist temple on weekends and consular services and workshops were organized to educate and develop the skill sets for migrant workers, particularly to upgrade their status from domestic/unskilled worker to semi-skilled or skilled workers.

Discussion held with authorities Ministry of Health Holding Company Pvt Ltd of Singapore government subsidiary entity responsible for health sector recruitments (MOHH) to get an offer to provide 2000 Enrolled and Registered nurses by the first quarter of 2022.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW: OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS

Human Resources and Mission Management Division

The main responsibility of the Division is to ensure facilities for administration and smooth functioning of 67 (revised to 63 by the end of the year) Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad. Accordingly, the Division provided required resources and guidance to the Missions in accordance with the policies of the Government and relevant administrative regulations. All matters pertaining to HR Management issues of Missions/Posts are also handled/guided by the Division. *(Currently the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Kabul, Afghanistan is temporarily closed due to political developments with the country. There are 66 Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad including 36 Embassies, 13 High Commissions, 02 PRUNs, 01 Deputy High Commission, 13 Consulates General office and 01 Representative office).*

The under mentioned specific tasks/actions have been carried out during the period: 01 January to 31 December 2021.

In order to save foreign exchange reserves without compromising Sri Lanka's important bilateral and multilateral relations and economic, trade, development and other national interests, HR & MM Division coordinated the temporary closure of the following Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad w.e.f 31 December 2021 as per the Cabinet approval.

- I. High Commission of Sri Lanka in the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- II. Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Frankfurt, Germany
- III. Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Cyprus

Appointments of 35 Heads of Mission/Posts were processed and facilitated. Ten (10) nominations for HOM posts including Seoul, Addis Ababa, Rome, Canberra and the Maldives are in progress.

Formalities related to conclusion of the tour of duty of 40 Heads of Mission/Posts were facilitated.

Appointments of 77 Diplomatic rank officers from Department of Commerce (Twenty Two) 22, Defence (Ten) 10, Labour (five) 05, SLBFE (twenty one) 21, SL Accountant Service one (01) and other one (01) were processed upon clearance from the Presidential Secretariat.

Facilitated the return transfers of thirteen (13) DPL officers from Department of Commerce, four (04) Defence, four (04) Labour Dept., one (01) SLAS, three (03) upon conclusion of their tour of duty.

Open competitive examination for selecting suitable candidates for filling vacancies in the Management Service Officers (MSO) cadre in Sri Lanka Missions abroad was concluded and 114 officers were selected.

(Up to now 111 officers have assumed duties at Missions and other 03 officers are in the process of finalizing their travel arrangements to assume duties)

Competitive examination for filling vacancies in the Personal Assistant cadre in Sri Lanka Missions abroad was concluded and forty four (44) suitable candidates were selected. Out of them forty one (41) Personal Assistants have assumed duties at Missions.

Matters related to appointments, extensions, terminations and payments relating to the entitlements of nearly 100 locally recruited staff attached to SL Missions/Posts abroad were handled.

Thirty three (33) official visits by Heads of Mission/Posts within their country/countries of accreditation were facilitated.

Nine (09) Consular Mobile Services conducted by Sri Lanka Missions abroad were facilitated

During this period, transfer processes of four (4) IT officers, four Typists (Sinhala) two (02) Consular Assistants and three (3) Protocol Assistants/officers were carried out.

Selection process of 10 Drivers cum OES and 14 Drivers working in the Ministry to fill vacancies in the posts of Home Recruited Contractual (HRC) employee category were completed.

The approval to create cadre positions of Deputy Chief of Mission, SLEMB/ Beijing and Secretary (Commercial) SLHC/Dhaka were obtained from the Department of Management Services (DMS). Approval from the Dept. Management Services is awaited for creation of cadre position of Home Based MSO in SLCG/Milan and shifting the trade section from SLEMB/Rome to SLCG/Milan.

Facilitated the SLFS Transfer Board 2021/2022 process to fill twenty (20) SLFS Secretary Posts in SL Missions/Posts abroad. Further, HR & MM Division facilitated the duty assumption of eight (08) SLFS officers at SL Missions abroad who were transferred based on the recommendations of the Transfer Board 2021.

The Division continued to prepare reports on the subjects of staffing, expenditure procedures etc. responses to queries by, the Parliament, the Presidential Secretariat, Attorney General and Auditor General, Presidential Commissions. Submission of inputs for Right to Information (RTI) queries and matters related to complaints against diplomatic and non-diplomatic officers were also handled by this Division.

The process related to salary conversions of over 440 Mission staffs was completed.

The approval to create cadre positions for the proposed two (02) SL Embassies in Romania and Spain as well as to establish one (01) Consulate General office in Madagascar have been obtained from the Department of Management Services (DMS). Approval from the Finance Ministry is pending for the creation of cadre positions for Consulate General office in Sicily, Italy.

Promotions of 26 Sri Lanka Foreign Service (SLFS) officials were processed with PSC. Another one (1) SLFS promotion is under process.

Retirement processes of six (06) SLFS officers were in progress and eight 08 completed.

Streamlined the education allowances granted to the Home-Based staff of Missions abroad. New MIS No.223 dated 20 April 2021 was issued. Accordingly, 75% of Education allowance is payable only for maximum of two (02) children between 5-20 years.

New MIS No. 222 dated 25 January 2021 was issued to streamline the requirement of return by the Home-Based officers posted to Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

New MIS No. 224 dated 05 May 2021 was issued related to Change of Station traveling Claims.

Legal Division

Events of significance and achievements by the Division

The Main function of the Legal Division of the Foreign Ministry is to furnish legal advice on matters of International Law to the Foreign Minister through the Foreign Secretary, to other Divisions of the Foreign Ministry, to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, to the Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka as well as to other Ministries/Departments. The Legal Division is also the Treaty depository of the Government of Sri Lanka. The Legal Division provides advice on legal aspects of all policy decisions and particularly international issues arising from time to time, such as territorial claims and boundaries, terrorism related issues, recognition of treaty relations, diplomatic immunities and privileges, sanctions regime of UN and also on unilateral sanctions etc. Officers of the Legal Division also represent the Ministry in different Expert Committees. During the timeframe of 01 October 2021-31 December 2021, the Legal Division has provided legal observations/Legal Clearance for more than 250 MoUs/Agreements in terms of Circular

No: PS/SP/SB/ Circular/06/2019 issued by the Presidential Secretariat. In addition to the above, the Legal Division has achieved the following significant key performances.

Law of the Sea - the Legal Division initiated the establishing of the National Committee to seek inter-ministerial concerns and form the SL Position which is to be asserted at the 4th Inter-Governmental Conference (ICG) scheduled to be held to negotiate the Convention on Marine Bio-diversity Beyond the Areas of National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

Continental Shelf Submission of Sri Lanka - already 09 Rounds of discussions between SL delegation and the Sub Commission appointed by the UN Commission on the limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) to defend Sri Lanka's submission has been held and all additional requirements of the Sub Commission have been provided and has provisionally accepted SL claim by accepting that Sri Lanka has fulfilled the four criteria required to establish Sri Lanka's Continental Shelf subject to finalizing the outer limits of the Continental Shelf for which a meeting has been scheduled with the Sub Commission during 54th Session from 15-18 December, in New York. In the meantime, National Ocean Affairs Committee (NOAC) is working with the 2nd Submission of Sri Lanka towards the South West area. Legal Division is assisting the NOAC Secretariat with certain work requirements.

Immunities and Privileges -- Two Inter-Ministerial meetings were held to conclude the Host Country Agreement with GCF

United Nations Convention on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) -The 40th Session and Resumed 40th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group III on Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) were held virtually, in February 2021 and May 2021 by delegates from the Foreign Ministry and the AG's Department conveying SL positions. Working Group sessions are held from time to time and the Legal Division represented at these meetings with the AG's Department and provided SL perspectives.

Investment - the committee comprising representatives from the AG's Department, BOI and the Legal Division and the Economic Affairs Divisions of the Foreign Ministry were able to develop a New BIT Model. It has been forwarded to other countries seeking the possibility to enter into Investment Agreements with Sri Lanka as well as to countries with whom negotiations are pending. Two rounds of negotiations on the Bilateral Treaty on Investment Promotion and Reciprocal Protection with UAE was held virtually and in Dubai from 18-19 October 2021 and 24-26 November 2021 respectively.

Implementation of Strategic Trade Control (STC) Laws - Cabinet approved Legal Committee on STC for which contributions of the Legal Division were provided and the draft local legislation is at its final stage.

Migration - Cabinet approved Trafficking Action Plan for 2021-2025 was finalized by the Trafficking Task Force where the Legal Division is represented and Sri Lanka was placed in the Tier 2 Watch List in the US State Department Annual TIP Report.

Readmission - 7th Annual Joint Readmission Committee meeting was held virtually on 20 July 2021 and consensus was reached on the way forward with Implementing Protocols. 5th Round of virtual expert consultations with Russia was held in March 2021 to finalize the draft Readmission Agreement and its Implementing Protocol between the two countries. MoU on Readmission was entered with Australia on 20 December 2021.

Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition and Transfer of Offenders request - requests for 22 Mutual Legal Assistance, 4 Extradition requests and 1 Transfer of Offenders request have been facilitated during the period.

International Humanitarian Law Matters - worked with the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Legal Draftsman to get the official verification with regard to the Sinhala and Tamil translation of the Geneva Conventions presented to the National IHL Committee at the celebratory event of the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Convention in order to make the Convention available in the public domain. Domestic legislations for the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Cluster Munition Treaty (OSLO) are in the process of finalization. The Legal Division provided status updates at the online 5th Commonwealth IHL Committee meeting which took place from 26 to 29 April 2021. The Legal Division participated in several international Humanitarian Law fora conducted by ICRC including the Virtual Expert Exchange for National IHL of Asia-Pacific held from 26-28 October 2021 and Universal IHL Meeting on National Priorities and the Role of NIHL Committee on Implementation of Weapon Treaties.

The Officers of the Legal Division are appointed as Members of certain Cabinet appointed Committees and other Committees - provided Legal inputs to the National Ocean Affairs Committee. Provided policy guidance in preparing and finalizing the annual TIP Report submitted to the US. Provided policy and legal inputs for the Legal Committee on Strategic Trade Control (STC) and on the process of finalizing the draft laws on STC. Provided policy guidance from an International Law perspective to the UNSCR 1373 Committee on Listing individuals and entities involved in terrorist activities and financing for terrorism. Provided policy and legal guidance NGO Act Revision Committee and in the process of finalizing legislation. Assisted and represented the Foreign Secretary at the Financial Intelligence Unit, National Coordinating Committee and carry out all Ministry work related to Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The Legal Division represents the Ministry, as Member of two Committees of the National Risk Assessment conducted by the Financial Intelligence Unit which is a requirement for the APG mutual evaluation. Provided inputs to the National Committee for the Amendments of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and Licensing Shipping Agent Act, No. 10 of 1972 to reflect the latest developments and the relevant international conventional standards. The Legal Division represented in the Prevention of Terrorism Act Review Committee and provided inputs enabling the Committee to finalize some of the key tasks assigned.

Contributed and took part in Information Communication Technology Law and Nuclear/Atomic Energy Law forums and meeting.

UNESCAP - FTA on Investment – the Legal Division chaired the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) FTA on Investment and update from time to time.

BIMSTEC and IORA - the Legal Division has represented and provided legal observations.

GSP + Process and UNHRC and Resolutions against Sri Lanka - the Legal Division provided legal assistance as and when required.

Court Cases - the Legal Division has processed and provided observations on Supreme Court Fundamental Rights Cases and Court of Appeal Writ Applications in which Foreign Ministry is named as a respondent.

Issuance of Instruments of Full Powers - Nine Instruments of Full Powers have been prepared by the Legal Division for the Signature of the Hon. Minister.

Cabinet observations - During the period 90 Cabinet observations of the Hon. Foreign Minister were prepared by the Legal Division.

Foreign summons - This Division has also facilitated 220 foreign summons up to 31 December 2021.

RTI Requests & Agreements/MoUs

Right to Information issues - as of 31 December 2021, 17 requests have been facilitated.

Negotiated and finalized Agreements

- A Prisoner Transfer Agreement with the Czech Republic was entered on 14 October 2021 and a Custom Cooperation Agreement with Turkey was signed on 26 November 2021 and an MoU with Iran was finalized and entered on 21 December 2021 for Tea/Oil Barter Arrangement.
- Cleared the Tri-Party Fexte Partnership Agreement between the Agence Finacasisse De Development (AFD) (The Agency), Centre de Cooperation International Recherche Agronomique pour le Development (CIRAD) (The Technical Partner) and Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) (The Beneficiary) to support value creation through the development of Geographical Indication and International quality certification.
- Actively participated in finalization of Agreements on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Denmark, Malta, Turkey, India (Protocol), Ukraine and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to avoid double taxation and to prevent fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

- Air Services Agreements with Philippines, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Canada, Guyana are being finalized. Air Services Protocol with Israel has been finalized and ready for signature.

During the period up to the 30 September 2021 the Legal Division has cleared approximately 600 Agreements/MoUs and has provided around 150 advices on diverse fields.

The Legal Division has provided observations on 77 Agreements/MoUs in the field of “Higher Education and Research”.

As per the records of the Treaty Depository, out of the said cleared Agreements, only 22 have been updated in the areas of Defence Cooperation, Cooperation on Board of Investment, Visa Exemptions, Diplomatic Relations, Political Consultation/Joint Communiqué, Cultural Cooperation, Youth Development, Vocational and other Training, Agricultural Cooperation, Tourism, Education and Entertainment in the Legal Division. However, several signed Agreements/MoUs are yet to be received from the line agencies.

Amending Prevention of Terrorism Act - the Legal Division representative was instrumental in finalizing the PTA Amendments.

Providing Legal Opinions - more than 30 legal opinions have been furnished to the Foreign Secretary, to other Divisions of the Foreign Ministry, to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, to the Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka as well as to other Ministries/Departments.

Overseas Asset Management and Development Division

The Overseas Asset Management and Development Division carried out many activities, related to the renovation/construction of existing GoSL owned properties, maintenance of other movable and immovable assets, acquisition of properties during the year 2021. However, due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic and budgetary constraints, some of the activities have been postponed. Further, this Division has facilitated the travel and logistical arrangements for around 400 (incoming and outgoing) Home based staff including Head of Missions/posts.

In this background some of significant progress achieved by the Division in 2021 is identified as follows;

1. Acquisition and Maintenance of Foreign Assets

Movable Properties:

Vehicles

The Ministry of Finance has granted approval to purchase 10 vehicles for selected Missions/Posts on an outright basis, by way of operating leasing and financial leasing

methods. However, it was instructed to refrain from purchasing the above vehicles, if the purchase orders have not been placed to date and thereafter, to defer the said purchases up to the year 2022, considering the prevailing financial constraints.

Other Capital Assets:

On the requests made by some of the overseas Missions abroad, the Ministry has granted approval to purchase office equipment and furniture, acquisition of plant, machinery and equipment at a cost of LKR. 40.93 Million from January to end of December 2021, thus providing minimum requirements for the functioning of Missions abroad.

At the same time the Ministry has granted approval for maintenance of the GoSL owned properties at a cost of LKR. 3.65 million during the same period.

Security Mail Unit

Due to the current pandemic situation, normal flights are not operating on a regular basis, to most of the destinations. Therefore, this Division has initiated an uninterrupted service with worldwide courier companies such as DHL to dispatch of Diplomatic Bags to selected Sri Lanka Missions abroad in order to ensure the speedy delivery of mail bags on a timely basis.

Further, this Division facilitated dispatch of medical equipment/safety items related to Covid 19, received as donations from various capitals, in consultation with the respective Missions and local health authorities.

IT Unit

The IT Division handles between 600 – 700 faxes and emails on daily basis from Sri Lanka Missions / Posts abroad and from other organizations and entities in Sri Lanka and abroad. The IT Division works around the clock, seven days of the week and the staff are deployed on roster basis.

Travel Unit

The Travel Unit handled 23 official visits and issued 349 TPNs to Government officials for official and private visits during 2021.

Protocol Division

The Protocol Division successfully completed the following engagements based on the action plan 2021 for the period from January to December 2021. The Division also coordinated and facilitated the high level visits as per the attached list.

Amended the institutional procedures on appointing of Sri Lanka Hony. Consuls abroad. Accordingly, 10 new Sri Lankan Hony. Consuls and 05 new Foreign Hony. Consuls were appointed. Further, 19 service extensions were granted.

Appointed Seventy five (25) Heads of Missions including six (06) Consul Generals eighteen (18) Ambassadors and High Commissioners and one (01) Deputy High Commissioner.

Twenty Four (24) Ambassadors were presented Credentials.

VIP Reservations	- 480
Issuance of Identity Cards for Diplomats and Hony. Consuls	- 702
Issuance of Airport passes for Diplomats	- 176
Diplomatic Clearance	
Aircraft	- 110
Ships	- 47
Issuance of visa	
Embassies	
Entry visa	-1218
Residence visa	- 745
Organizations	
Entry visa	-483
Residence visa	- 289
Approval of Custom Clearance certificates	- 1318
Registration of new Diplomatic vehicles	- 105
Disposal of duty free vehicles	- 225
Issuance of driving license approvals	- 130

General Administration Division

General Administration Division of the Ministry is responsible for a broad area of Administrative Policy Planning and implementation, all operational and maintenance affairs, Human Resources planning and development of Officers in all island services, Development Officers, Management Service Officers, Primary services, and Departmental services except Sri Lanka Foreign Service.

Similarly, on the guidance of Foreign Secretary, preparation of Cabinet Memoranda, preparation of answers to Parliamentary questions, preparation of answers to Parliamentary Committees and Consultative committees are done by the Administration Division.

A summary of special tasks performed by the General Administration Division (GAD) in addition to the routine duties for the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 are as follows;

Human Resources Management

Online interviews were conducted to select competent Management Services Officers to serve in the Ministry through Annual Transfer scheme of 2022. 98 candidates were interviewed and the details of the short listed Officers were informed to Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

In terms of strengthening the human resources of the Ministry, series of training programs were organized to enhance employee performance and to boost employee productivity.

- Internships were provided to undergraduates of Sri Lankan and foreign Universities, Diploma holders and the students of the Vocational Training Institutions. 50 students were trained.
- Advanced Ms Excel for the subordinate staff.
- Consular Services Awareness Programme for the Management Services Officers appointed to serve Missions abroad.
- 200hrs Tamil language course for the Staff Officers at the Department of National Language Institute.
- Facilitated for Post graduate Diplomas of 03 Staff Grade Officers as a requirement of the service.
- Capacity building training for the Development Officers and the Management Services Officers of the Ministry.
- Board of Survey procedure for the Management Services Officers was held at the Ministry.
- Disciplinary Procedure for the Development Officers and Management Services Officers.
- Basic English language course for Office Employment Assistants and Drivers was conducted online.

Special Operations and Maintenance affairs

Support services in combating COVID-19 Outbreak - the distribution of the PPEs and other health equipment, received through the Sri Lankan Missions, was effectively coordinated. All the employees were provided with safety equipments ensuring the health and well-being of the staff community.

Information Technology Developments

IT Division has continued to extended technical support for high-level Bi-Lateral, Multi-Lateral Virtual / Hybrid Meetings and successfully provide technical support for more than 350 Virtual meetings held in the Ministry from January to December 2021.

Network and security appliances were upgraded to accommodate the increased network traffic due to virtual conferences and remote work practices and support the new cyber security threats.

Policies and infrastructure are being introduced to reduce paper consumption and the carbon footprint of the Ministry focusing on introducing *e-Cypher platform*.

Parliamentary affairs

Submission of 26 Cabinet Papers were efficiently coordinated with the Cabinet Secretariat, in addition to the submission of observations of the Hon. Minister in respect of numerous Cabinet Memoranda.

Coordination of submitting answers/reports to the Ministerial Consultative Committee and the Committee on Public Petitions.

Procurement and Maintenance

Performed all procurement activities and maintenance work in accordance with the applicable regulations, whereby a total volume of procurement and maintenance works worth of Rs. 92 million were incurred to purchase of goods, works and services for the Ministry, Official Quarters and Regional Offices, while another Rs. 9 million worth of procurements were made for the requirements of all Sri Lanka Missions abroad for the year 2021.

Regular and proper maintenance of the Republic Building was continued with the assistance of the Building Department, the Government Factory and the Western Provincial authorities (Industrial Development Authority-WP), while preserving its archaeological value and elegance.

Logistics Services

Coordination and facilitation of establishment of three Regional Consular Offices at Kandy, Trincomallee and Kurunegala.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was obtained for the relocation of the Foreign Ministry in one house building on 06.09.2021 and necessary actions are being taken to implement the said Cabinet approval.

A fleet of 82 vehicles was efficiently utilized, with a comparable number of drivers, to provide transport facilities for almost all employees who attended to work, even in the periods of quarantine curfew imposed island-wide.

Considering the public financial constraints, the Ministry has taken appropriate measures to pursue the existing vehicle fleet with adequate investments for run-time maintenance, without causing extra burden for purchasing new vehicles.

Internal Audit & Investigation Division

The key responsibility of this division includes monitoring and evaluating the internal control mechanism of the Ministry, Sri Lanka Missions / Posts abroad and other institutions coming under the purview of the ministry and provide the strategic apex with guidance on overall performance and compliance.

- The division has raised 28 audit queries for the ministry, other institutions coming under purview of the ministry and missions / posts abroad.
- Follow up actions have been taken in respect of the 11 matters discussed at the COPA meeting held on 06th March 2019 in coordination with the respective divisions and parties.
- Follow up actions were taken for Audit and Management Committee Meetings' decisions.
- Coordination for compilation of replies to the General Audit Queries (13) replied – 13
- Representing the ministry and providing information for two high court cases in Rome mission.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING 2021



Speech by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the "World Leaders Summit of COP26",

UN Climate Change Conference, Scotland, UK on 01 November 2021

Foreign Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris discusses progress in achieving Sustainable Development Goals with UN Assistant Secretary General Kanni Wignaraja



Australian Home Minister holds wide ranging talks with the Foreign Minister Peiris

Foreign Minister Prof. Peiris discusses Energy Security, Increased Employment Opportunities with UAE Foreign Minister



United Nations Special Rapporteur calls on Foreign Minister

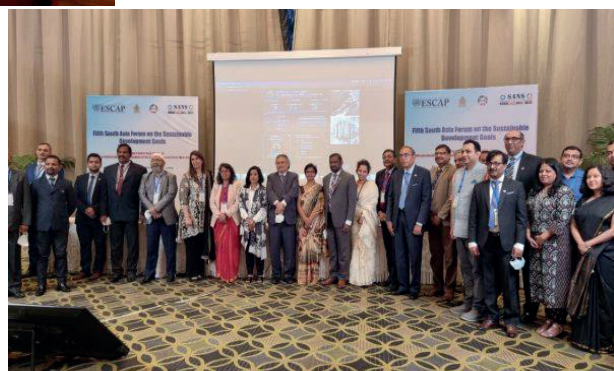


Foreign Minister discusses with the Pakistan envoy in Sri Lanka matters relating to financial security of the family of late Priyantha Kumara



Foreign Minister G. L. Peiris reassures commitment of Sri Lanka to BIMSTEC during the visit of Secretary General of BIMSTEC Tenzin Lekphell

"Sri Lanka improved its global ranking in SDGs despite global pandemic": Foreign Secretary tells the 5th South Asia Forum on Sustainable Development Goals

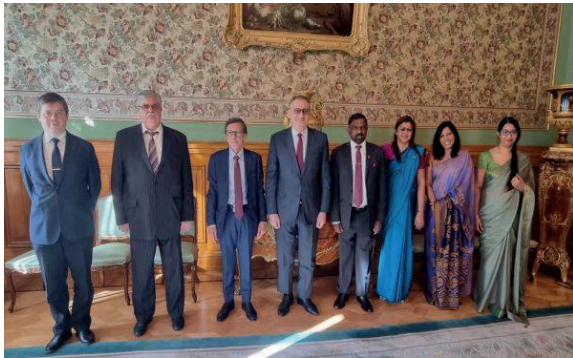


BIMSTEC Secretary General Tenzin Lekphell pays a Courtesy Call on Foreign Minister Peiris in Dhaka



Speech delivered by Foreign Minister Professor G. L. Peiris when Foreign Minister Peiris and the British Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Trade with Sri Lanka Lord Mervyn Davies of Abersoch jointly inaugurated the Sri Lanka – United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce at the Sri Lankan High Commission in London.

Sri Lanka Participates in the 6th Ministerial Meeting of CICA



Sri Lanka and Russia Reaffirm Strong Partnership at Bilateral Political Consultations in Moscow

Donation of Covid-19 medical equipment



CHAPTER 03

OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

3.1 Statement of Financial Performance

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		(Rs.)	
Budget 2021 Rs.	Note	2021 Rs.	Actual Restated 2020 Rs.
Revenue Receipts			
-	Income Tax	1	-
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	-
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts			
-	Treasury Imprests	9,369,712,663	9,385,178,602
-	Deposits	2,076,010,925	1,452,471,015
35,000,000	Advance Accounts	51,762,773	43,380,027
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts	-	-
35,000,000	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)	11,497,486,361	10,881,029,644
35,000,000	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)	11,497,486,361	10,881,029,644
-	Remittance to the Treasury (D)	100,000,476	943,415
-	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)	11,397,485,885	10,880,086,229
Less: Expenditure			
Recurrent Expenditure			
7,319,339,500	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment	5	6,803,407,447
4,210,440,500	Other Goods & Services	6	3,907,979,711
616,300,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	470,003,154
-	Interest Payments	8	-
40,500,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	6,368,744
12,186,580,000	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)	11,187,759,056	10,372,292,229
Capital Expenditure			
350,220,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	120,744,787
106,180,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	63,415,740
2,400,000	Capital Transfers	12	-
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-
4,000,000	Capacity Building	14	2,062,858
40,000,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	1,737,946
502,800,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)	187,961,331	203,743,135
-	Deposit Payments	2,050,025,630	1,595,777,211
40,000,000	Advance Payments	39,143,701	46,903,083
-	Other Main Ledger Payments	-	66,006
40,000,000	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)	2,089,169,331	1,642,746,300
12,729,380,000	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)	13,464,889,718	12,218,781,664
(12,729,380,000)	Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)	(2,067,403,833)	(1,338,695,435)
Balance as per the Imprest Reconciliation Statement		(3,076,705,760)	(2,217,937,991)
Imprest Balance as at 31st December		1,009,301,927	879,242,556
		(2,067,403,833)	(1,338,695,435)

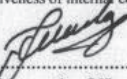
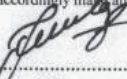
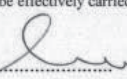
3.2 Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2021

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Statement of Financial Position As at 31 st December- 2021			
	Note	Actual 2021 Rs	2020 Rs
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	12,740,581,583	12,716,440,231
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	111,099,792	123,736,361
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	1,009,301,927	879,242,556
Total Assets		13,860,983,302	13,719,419,148
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		(263,943,109)	(230,908,697)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		12,740,581,583	12,716,440,231
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)		
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	375,042,901	354,645,059
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	1,009,301,927	879,242,556
Total Liabilities		13,860,983,302	13,719,419,148

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from ...06.. to...78... and Notes to accounts presented in pages from ...79.... to ...133.. form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

 Chief Accounting Officer Name : Designation : Date : 25.02.2022 Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage Secretary Foreign Ministry Colombo 01	 Accounting Officer Name : Designation : Date : 25.02.2022 Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage Secretary Foreign Ministry Colombo 01	 Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/ Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance) Name : Date : 25.02.2022 U.G.C. Abeyrathna Chief Accountant Foreign Ministry Colombo-01.
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3.3 Statement of Cash Flow for the Period ended 31st December 2021

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31 st December 2021		
	Actual	
	2021 Rs.	Restated 2020 Rs.
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	3,221,067,854	2,389,880,478
Imprest Received	9,278,182,565	9,293,333,341
Recoveries from Advance	56,789,023	63,627,057
Deposit Received	2,076,010,925	1,452,471,015
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	14,632,050,367	13,199,311,891
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	11,185,873,316	10,370,961,874
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	-	-
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	149,014,309	220,670,748
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	100,000,476	943,415
Advance Payments	44,334,666	49,671,064
Deposit Payments	2,050,025,630	1,595,777,211
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	13,527,248,397	12,238,024,312
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C) = (A) - (B)	1,104,801,970	961,287,579
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	24,648,585
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	-	24,648,585
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of Other Investment	187,030,142	198,538,869
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	187,030,142	198,538,869
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F) = (D) - (E)	(187,030,142)	(173,890,284)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G) = (C) + (F)	917,771,828	787,397,295
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J) = (H) - (I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	917,771,828	787,397,295
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January 2021	91,530,099	91,845,261
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December 2021	1,009,301,927	879,242,556

3.4 Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Reporting

1) **Reporting Period**

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2021.

2) **Basis of Measurement**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

3) **Recognition of Revenue**

Exchange and non exchange revenues are recognised on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of relevant revenue period.

4) **Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)**

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

PP&E are measured at a cost and revaluation model is applied when cost model is not applicable.

5) **Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve**

This reserve account is the corresponding account of Property Plant and Equipment.

6) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2021.

Changes in Formats of Financial Statements & Adjustment of Comparative

7) **Figures**

Relevant adjustments have been made to the comparative figures for the year 2020 in line with the changes made in the financial statements for the year 2021.

3.5 Performance for the Revenue Collection

Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate 2021		Collected Revenue (As at 31.12.2021)	
		Original	Final	Amount (Rs.)	as a % of Final Revenue Estimate
2002-01-01	Rent on Government Building & Housing	2,900	2,900	2,881	99%
2002-02-99	Other Interest	5,000	5,000	5,581	112%
2003-02-07	Fees of Passports, Visas & Dual Citizenship	1,950,000	2,250,000	2,309,679	103%
2003-02-13	Examinations & Other fees	35	15	15	100%
2003-02-14	Dept. of Motor Traffic	20,000	25,500	25,027	98%
2003-02-99	Consular Fees	500,000	500,000	674,576	135%
2003-99-00	Other Receipts	150,000	100,000	163,848	164%
2004-01-00	Social Security Contributions - (Central Government)	30,000	38,000	35,353	93%
2004-02-00	Social Security Contributions - (Provincial Councils)	450	700	681	97%
2006-02-01	Sale of Capital Assets (Vehicles)	4,000	6,000	3,289	55%
2006-02-02	Sale of Capital Assets (Other)	200	200	138	69%
Total		2,662,585	2,928,315	3,221,068	

3.6 Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Type of Allocation	Allocation 2021		Actual Expenditure (As at 31.12.2021)	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation (As at 31.12.2021)
	Original	Final		
	Rs.,000			
Recurrent	12,208,580	2,186,580	11,187,759	92%
Capital	480,800	502,800	187,961	37%
Total	12,689,380	12,689,380	11,375,720	

3.7 In terms of F.R 208 grant of allocations for expenditure to the Ministry

Serial No	Allocation Received from Which Ministry/Department	Purpose of Allocation	Allocation			Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
			Allocation		Final Allocation		
			Original	Final Allocation			
001	President Office	VVIP Visits		23,885,138.00	23,885,000.00	24,757,000.00	104%
002	Prime Minister's Office	State visit 19-20 March 2021		35,684,102.55	35,684,000.00	35,402,000.00	99%
005	Office of the Cabinet of Ministers	VVIP Visits		2,579,205.00	2,579,000.00	2,579,000.00	100%
101	Ministry of Buddhasana	Expenses for Religious activities		3,719,493.57	3,719,000.00	3,709,000.00	100%
103	Ministry of Defense	Expenses of Defense Attaché		2,275,533.18	2,276,000.00	,341,000.00	59%

126	Ministry of Education	Allowance to Cuban Undergraduate & Salary Payment of Coordinating Officer, UNESCO Contribution	39,976,563.41	39,977,000.00	8,977,000.00	22%
160	Ministry of Environment	VVIP Visits	1,709,760.00	1,710,000.00	1,753,000.00	103%
222	Sri Lanka Army	Excess Baggages By Sea, Legal Fees & Repairing an Official Vehicle	34,880,062.73	34,880,000.00	27,996,000.00	80%
223	Sri Lanka Navy	Procurement of Fuel	11,814,250.00	11,814,000.00	11,748,000.00	99%
225	Department of Police	Annual Financial Contribution - INTERPOL General Secretariat	7,718,235.00	7,718,000.00	7,680,000.00	100%
290	Department of Fisheries and ARD	Repatriation of Fisherman	7,331,275.77	7,331,000.00	7,227,000.00	99%
295	Department of Commerce	Trade Promotional Activities	6,681,586.00	6,682,000.00	5,911,000.00	88%
419	State Ministry of Regional Co-operation	State visit Other expenses	8,652,000.00	8,652,000.00	8,652,000.00	100%
423	State Ministry of Production, Supply and Regulations of Pharmaceuticals	Cost for Stock of Test Kits	1,323,000.00	1,323,000.00	1,282,000.00	97%

3.8 Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

(Rs., 000)

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2021	Balance as per Financial Report as at 31.12.2021	Yet to be accounted	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Building and Structure		10,059,336,000	-	100%
9152	Machinery and Equipment		1,586,989,000	-	100%
9153	Land		1,010,362,000	-	100%
9154	Intangible Assets		27,909,000	-	100%
9155	Biological Assets		-	-	100%
9160	Work in Progress		55,985,000	-	100%
9180	Lease Assets		-	-	100%

3.9 Overall Financial Performance for the year - 2021

(RS. 000')

Category	Estimated 2021	Actual 2021	Deficit/ Surplus	*Major reasons for variances
Revenue (if relevant)	2,928,315	3,221,068		Expected revenue increase due to reduction of Covid-19 pandemic by the end of the year
Total Expenditure	12,689,380	11,375,720		
Recurrent	12,186,580	11,187,759		01. Due to the current situation 02. Expenditure being controlled as per the directions given by the Treasury
Capital	502,800	187,961		01. Due to the current situation

				02. Expected expenditure not being made for renovation work in Canberra & Stockholm Missions and Initial work for renovation will be commenced in 2022 03. Expenditure being controlled as per the directions given by the Treasury 04. The General Treasury being kept informed of the possibility of mandatory savings under the Capital allocation
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*Major reasons for the significant variances in revenue and expenditure should be briefly stated here.

3.10 Progress of implementing National Budget Proposal 2021

Budget Proposal No.	Proposal (in brief)	Allocated Funds	Expected output (if relevant)	Progress	
				Physical %	Financial %
23	Foreign economic relations	Rs. Mn. 750.0 Note- 01 *	Note- 01 *	Nil	Nil

Note- 01 *

(Expected projects not being implemented due to Covid-19 pandemic)

Auditor General's Report

English translation of the Sinhala text furnished by the National Audit Office

My No: PAF/A/FM/01/FS/2021

Date :21.04.2022

Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Summary report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on the financial statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

Opinion will be submitted later.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

Will be submitted later.

1.3 Responsibility of the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting officer for the Financial Statements

The Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and in terms of Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018 and for such internal control as the Accounting Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Sub-section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Ministry is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Ministry.

In terms of Sub-section 38(1) (c) of the National Audit Act, the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Ministry and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such system and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's summary report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a

high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

1.5. Report on Other Legal Requirements

As required by Sub-section 6 (I) (D) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018,

- (a) I state that the financial statements were inconsistent with the preceding year due to the changes in the following subjects.

Subject	Value indicated in the cash flow statement of the Year under review (Rs.)	Value should have been indicated according to the Audit Observations of the last year (Rs.)	Difference (Rs.)
(i) Personal emoluments and operational expenses	10,370,961,874	10,061,370,232	309,591,642
(ii) Payment of advances	49,671,064	49,605,057	66,007
(iii) Building or purchase of Physical Assets	198,538,869	70,399,077	128,139,792

(iv) Even though the Cash Flow statement of the previous year indicates Rs. 437,731,433 as Subsidies and Transfers, the Cash Flow statement of the year under review does not indicate such a value. Further, even though there was no Imprest Balance settled to the treasury shown on the Cash Flow statement of the previous year, Rs. 943,415 was shown for the year under review as the Imprest Balance settled to the treasury related to the previous year.

(b) My recommendations regarding the Financial Statements of the previous year have been implemented.

1.6 Comments on financial statements

1.6.1 Imprest Adjustment Statement

The following observations are made.

- (a) Even though the value of the deposits made to the Advance B account by the other expenditure heads was Rs. 8,115,205, that value has been adjusted as Rs. 8,106,458 to the Imprest Adjustment Account.
- (b) Even though the value of the withdrawals made from the Advance B account by the other expenditure heads was Rs. 304,973, that value has been adjusted as Rs. 313,723 to the Imprest Adjustment Account.

1.6.2 Statement of Financial Performance

The following observations are made.

- (a) Since the value of the receipt of deposits which was Rs. 2,094,037,896 according to the treasury computer printout was indicated as Rs. 2,076,010,925 in the

Statement of Financial Performance, the receipt of deposits was adjusted Rs. 18,026,971 less to the Statement of Financial Performance.

- (b) Even though the value of receipts of advances was indicated in the Statement of Financial Performance as Rs. 51,762,773, since that value as per the treasury computer printout was 51,771,520, the receipt of advances was adjusted Rs. 8,747 less. Further, even though the value of the payment of advances as per the treasury computer printout was Rs. 39,134,791, since that value has been indicated in the Statement of Financial Performance as Rs. 39,143,710, the payment of advances was overstated by Rs. 8,750.
- (c) Even though the value of the payment of deposits which should be indicated in the Statement of Financial Performance as per the treasury computer printout was Rs. 2,073,640,054, since that value has been indicated as Rs. 2,050,025,630, the payment of deposits was adjusted Rs. 23,614,424 less in the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.6.3 Statement of Financial Position

1.6.3.1 Non-financial assets

As per the treasury computer printout (SA-10), Rs. 21,206,909 was indicated as acquisition of vehicles and Rs. 42,208,832 as acquisition of furniture and office equipment, machinery and equipment. However, the statement of the Cumulative Non-Financial Assets Account (SA-82) did not indicate the acquisition of vehicles for Rs. 21,206,909 and since only Rs. 12,757,712 was entered as the value of furniture, office equipment, machinery and equipment, that value was understated by Rs. 29,451,120.

1.6.4 Cash Flow Statement

1.6.4.2 Cash flow generated from operational activities

The following observations are made.

- (a) Even though the value of personal emoluments and operational expenditure was Rs. 10,837,484,562 according to the joint balance inspection, as a result of the said value being recorded as Rs. 11,183,873,316, it had been overstated by Rs. 346,388,754.
- (b) Even though the value of subsidies and transfers was Rs. 470,003,154 according to the joint balance inspection, as a result of the said value being recorded as null, it had been understated by Rs. 470,003,154

1.6.4.2 Cash flow generated from investment activities

Even though Rs. 187,030,142 was stated in the Cash Flow Statement under building of purchase of physical assets and acquisition of other investments, since that value was Rs. 63,415,742 as per the joint balance inspection, it has been overstated by Rs. 123,614,400.

1.6.5 Lack of evidence for audit

The following observations are made.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Amount Rs.</u>	<u>Audit evidence not submitted</u>
(a) Recurrent and capital expenditure of 54 foreign diplomatic missions during the year under review	Recurrent 6,315,346,016 Capital 91,171,076	Recurrent and capital payments related to 13 foreign missions Voucher files except for the values in several voucher files
(b) Unfinished buildings	55,984,547	Documents to confirm the ownership and existence
(c) Deposits	1,452,471,015	Statements of comparison with the balances of the previous year.
(d) Receipt of Advances	43,380,027	
(e) Office Buildings	9,730,692,636	Capital Assets Register where each and every asset could be identified separately
(f) Passenger vehicles	1,055,280,776	
(g) Mixed Urban Properties	1,010,362,062	
(h) Official Residences	317,741,508	
(i) Disposal of vehicles	39,119,254	
(j) Acquisition of assets	63,415,740	

2. Financial Review

2.1 Expenditure Management

It is the responsibility of the Accounting Officer to prepare the estimates as completely and accurately as possible in accordance with Financial Regulations 50 (II). As a result of not doing so, the total provision of Rs 561,669,027 had been underutilized for 28 expenditure heads ranging from 51 percent to 100 percent of the allocated funds.

2.2 Advances to Public Officers

The following observations are made.

- (a) There was a balance amount of Rs. 215,322 overcharged from 24 officers as per the Advance to Public officers B Account which was not settled even by the date of the report.
- (b) There is an amount of Rs. 1,098,606 to be recovered from the officers who have left the service and there is a balance debt amount of Rs. 435,660 existed for 2-3 years and a balance debt amount of Rs. 535,671 which existed over 5 years within this balance amount of debt.

- (c) There has been a balance debt amount of Rs. 299,955 related to 05 officers who have been terminated which existed over 05 years and no action has been taken to recover this amount.
- (d) An amount of Rs. 130,551 had to be recovered from two officers who were suspended and no action has been taken to recover this amount.

2.3 Entering into Liabilities and Commitments

Even though the statement of Liabilities and Commitments coming under Note No. iii submitted with the Financial Statements should be consistent with the statement of Liabilities and Commitments (SA-92) issued by the treasury regarding each expenditure head, Rs. 115,320,800 was indicated in the Note No. iii of the Financial Statements while that balance amount was Rs. 250,194,868 according to SA-92.

2.4 Non-compliance with laws, rules and regulations

The following observations are made.

Reference to laws, rules, regulations

Description

(a) Establishments

Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

(i) Section 5.2.5 of paragraph xix of Though a monthly rental of 7½% of the salary should be charged from an unmarried officer for residing in a Government Residence, a monthly rental of 12½% of the salary have been charged from 7 officers, not conforming to it.

(ii) Sections 8.1, 8.2 of paragraph xix of Though an inventory of the electrical appliances of the Government Residences and an inventory of other equipment and fixtures should have been maintained by the authorities responsible for the maintenance of the Residences, such records have not been maintained regarding the Government Residences of the Foreign Ministry.

(b) Financial

Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

(i) FR 104 Action had not been taken in terms of the regulation regarding 13 motor accidents in a period ranging from 01 to 10 years which had caused damages amounting to Rs 3,990,669 and a theft of a vehicle valued at Rs. 1,991,695 happened in 2010.

(ii) FR 104 (i)	Though immediate action should be taken to conduct investigations when a loss or damage occurred in order to determine its extent and the people responsible, no action has been taken regarding the loss of goods to the value of Rs. 403,777 related to 05 Missions abroad during a period ranging from 01 to 05 years.
(iii) FR 106	Though the amount should be made good immediately in the case of a loss of money due to a shortage, misappropriation or other cause, action had not been taken accordingly regarding a sum of Rs. 17,201,664 relevant to 05 foreign missions during a period ranging from 09 to 15 years.
(iv) FR 371	Though the Sub Imprests should be settled immediately after the required purpose is completed, the total of unsettled advances related to 12 Foreign Missions has been Rs. 1,804,674 during a period ranging from 07 to 28 years.
(v) FR 565 (2)	Though all deposits received or paid must be posted daily under the general deposits accounts, payments made from opening balances of the general deposit accounts relevant to the foreign missions had not been posted even by 05 April 2022, the date of the audit.
(vi) FR 565 (3)	Though the last few pages of the deposit ledger should be allocated for a balance account and the balance account should be balanced after entering the previous months balance brought forward and the total of all daily receipts and payments, such a balance account has not been prepared for the deposit accounts of the Ministry.
(vii) FR 565 (5)	Though a monthly abstract statement of deposits must be sent to Auditor General before the end of the following month, it had not been followed.
(viii) FR 571	Though unclaimed deposits which had lapsed 2 years from the date of the deposit should be credited to government revenue, the Ministry had not taken action accordingly regarding deposits amounting to Rs. 32,601,682.
(c) Section 4.3 (e) (i) and (ii) of Public Finance Department Circular PFD/RED/2015/08 General (i) dated 09 th October 2015	Though action should be taken to recover the lapsed advances of public officials as per the circular, an unidentified loan balance of Rs. 1,499,176 which had remained unrecovered for more than 05 years.

(d) Department of Public Accounts Circular No. 262/2017 dated 29th December 2017	Though immediate action should be taken to settle the advances of the retired and deceased officers, there was a loan balance of Rs. 465,050 of 06 deceased officers out of which a loan balance of Rs. 273,560 had remained for over 05 years.
Guidelines 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 of the Government Procurement Guidelines 2006	A Master Procurement Plan listing procurement activities envisaged at least for a period of three years and a Procurement Time Schedule describing in chronological order, steps of each individual procurement action, from the point of commencement until its completion had not been prepared.

2.6 Issuance and settlement of advances

The following observations are made.

(a) Imprest account bearing No. 7002-0-0-035/13

- (i) Though the balance of the Imprest Account of 2013 has been Rs. 91,530,099 in the previous year, it was Rs. 89,919,237 in the year under review and only Rs. 1,610,863 or a small percentage such as 1.7% has been cleared.
- (ii) Out of the unsettled advances relevant to the year 2013 and periods before that, the balance of Imprest of Rs. 89,919,237 consisted of Rs. 60,051,898 being the advances paid for 248 security deposits for the houses provided for the staff posted to the Foreign Missions. Other than the security deposit of Rs. 478,980, the remaining 247 out of these 248 security deposits amounting to Rs. 59,572,918 has been the security deposits placed for the houses not being used by the staff of the Foreign Missions.
 - Out of the security deposits placed for the houses not being used, Rs. 12,440,021 had exceeded 20 years, while Rs. 43,292,731 had exceeded 10-20 years and the remaining Rs. 3,840,166 had exceeded 07 years. Although the Director General of the Overseas Administration Division had given instructions by the Internal Circular No. 250 and dated 01 September 2009, regarding the recovery of these deposits, no action had been taken to recover these deposits following those instructions.
- (iii) 127 ad-hoc sub imprests to the value of Rs. 29,840,341 were included in the Imprest Balance of Rs. 89,919,237 where Rs. 699,358 out of it had exceeded 20 years, Rs. 12,840,889 was between 10-20 years and the remaining 16,327,094 had exceeded 07 years. Though those ad-hoc sub imprests should have been settled immediately after the completion of the requirement as per FR 371, action had not taken accordingly. Further, it could not be confirmed for what purpose 72 out of these advances were obtained.

(b) Imprest account bearing No. 7002-0-0-035/21

- (i) Rs. 365,235,118 of unsettled advances of the Foreign Missions were included in the Imprest Account of Rs. 919,382,691 at the last date of the year under review and within that value was Rs. 344,210,756 consisted of the security deposits made for the houses provided for the staff posted to the Missions abroad.
- (ii) Rs. 19,536,652 out of the security deposits made for the houses provided for the staff posted to the service of the Missions abroad were related to 46 deposits made for the houses where the staffs are not residing. Rs. 3,020,376 out of that value was deposits which exceeded 10 years while Rs. 16,516,276 was for the deposits existed for periods ranging from 04 to 10 years.
- (iii) The unsettled advances of missions amounting to Rs. 21,024,362 were ad-hoc sub imprests and within those advances were Rs. 3,931,910 relevant for the period before the year 2018, Rs. 2,433,646 relevant to the year 2019 and Rs. 4,272,499 relevant to the year 2020. Action had not been taken in terms of the conditions in FR 371 regarding these ad-hoc sub imprests.

2.6 Operating bank accounts

The following observations are made.

(a) Cheques deposited but not credited

The cheques deposited to the bank by the following Missions had not been realised even by the date of audit. No further action had been taken regarding this, although a period 03-11 years had elapsed.

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>No. of Cheques</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description (Relevant Year)</u>
Canberra	012094004427941	AUD	3	402	2010 & 2011
Berlin	100700000237745500	Euro	1	110	2017

(b) Embezzlement/Theft

No action had been taken to clear the following incidents stated as embezzlements and thefts in the bank balance statements of the following Missions submitted for the audit.

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
Los Angeles	7260025932	USD	1,583	Stated as a theft in 2011
Moscow	40807840800000000255	USD	105 50	Stated as money not deposited in 2002 and 2003

2.7 Assurances to be given by the Chief Accounting Officer

Even though the Chief Accounting Officer should have given the assurances regarding the following matter as per Section 38 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, it had not been followed.

The Chief Accounting Officer should ensure that an effective internal control system is set up and maintained for the financial control of the Ministry and the efficiency of the system should be reviewed from time to time and necessary changes should be made to ensure that the system operates effectively and the reviews should have been made in writing and a copy should have been submitted to the Auditor General, but no statement had been submitted to the Auditor General stating that such a review had been made.

3. Operational Review

3.1 Performance

3.1.1 Failure to obtain the expected outcome

The following observations are made.

- (a) Even though it was planned to combine the Electronic Data Attestation System (e - DAS) with the Registrar General's Department and the Department of Examinations in order to facilitate services provided to the public by the Foreign Ministry such as verification of GCE (O/L), GCE (A/L) Examination Certificates and birth, marriage and death certificates efficient, that work had not been completed as of the date of the report.
- (b) Even though it was planned in the Action Plan for the year under review to publish a gazette notification revising the fees charged for the services provided by the Consular Division of the Ministry, it has not been implemented.

3.1 Asset Management

Even though an amount of Rs. 70,638,545 had been paid by the Ministry to the National Housing Development Authority for the purchase of 20 housing units at 117 Watta Apartment Complex, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08, action had not been taken to obtain title deeds for 17 housing units even by the date of audit.

3.3 Losses and damages

According to the time analysis submitted regarding the losses amounting to Rs. 29,185,385 related to 55 incidents at the Sri Lanka Missions abroad to be recovered, deducted or abandoned under programme No. 02 of the Statement of Losses and Abandonment submitted for audit along with the financial statements of the year under review, it was observed that, Rs. 2,254,421 out of that amount had exceeded 10 years while Rs. 21,626,285 remains during a period ranging from 05 to 10 years.

3.4 Management weaknesses

The following observations are made.

- (a) Although there are buildings belonging to the Sri Lankan government in Australia, Sweden and Kenya where the missions were located, action was not taken to make optimal use of them.
- (b) Although Committee on Public Accounts Order No. 07 dated 07th August 2018 directed to submit a report analysing the formal criteria applicable to each country in appointing staff to Embassies, action had not been taken to submit that report even by the end of the year.

Staff Management

The following observations are made.

- (a) As per the information submitted to the audit by the Ministry for the year under review, the approved and actual cadre are as follows:

<u>Cadre Category</u>	<u>Approved Cadre</u>	<u>Actual Cadre</u>	<u>No. of Vacancies</u>	<u>No. of Excess Cadre</u>
Senior Level	318	183	135	
Tertiary Level	08	01	07	
Secondary Level	369	398		29
Primary Level	125	117	08	
	820	699	150	29

Although the numbers of Development Officers and Management Service Officers included in the approved cadre of 369 at the secondary level was 74 and 169 respectively, since the actual numbers were 85 and 207 respectively, the surplus was 12 and 38.

- (b) Pursuant to Article 154 of Chapter xiii of the Code of Conduct of the Public Service Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1589/30 of 20th February 2009, the power to reinstate a person retired from the Public Service is vested only in the Public Service Commission and according to its Article 157, a retiree in the public service can only be re-employed on a contract basis. Although such an appointment should be limited to a period of one year at a time, an officer retired on 28th August 2019 had been appointed to the post of Home Based Personal Assistant at the Toronto Mission for a period of 03 years with effect from 01st September 2019, without the approval of the Public Service Commission.

Auditor General

* The Final Auditor General's Report (Sinhala version) of this draft is attached at the end of the entire report.

CHAPTER 04

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance Indicators of the Ministry (Based on the Action Plan)

Summary of the output of Key Performance Indicators used by the Ministry as per the Action Plan 2021 for strengthening and enhancing the Sri Lanka's National Interest in abroad through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement.

The functions performed by the Ministry and the Missions are mostly of intangible nature, particularly in terms of their representational role, protocol functions, and varying degrees of bilateral and multilateral relations and matters of sensitive nature involving diplomatic engagements.

As per the Action Plan, the Divisions and the Missions which are extensions of the Ministry were expected to effectively position Sri Lanka as an emerging economy, developing economic, investment, employment, tourism and trade links with regional and global economic players and to initiate plans of action, which established Sri Lanka's outreach as a strategic hub by leveraging Sri Lanka's unique geo-strategic location in the Indian Ocean. The Missions/Posts were also expected to monitor the performance for the year 2021 in keeping with the budgetary allocation requests based on the following priority areas:

- Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) - Separate Economic targets were set by the Economic Affairs Division, based on the targets received from respective line agencies on foreign employment, tourism, exports and FDI
- Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)
- Defence & Security cooperation
- Public Diplomacy
- Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankans
- Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations
- Science Diplomacy
- Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development
- Other

Priority focus areas/Key Performance Indicators	Actual outputs as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-70%	70%-40%	Below 40%
Improvement in representation of Sri Lanka in Multilateral fora			
Engagements with Regional organizations			
Improvements of High-Level bilateral Visits			
Number of Bilateral Political Consultations/joint committees/ meetings/ discussions			
Improvements with the engagements with Overseas Sri Lankans			
Tangible actions on COVID-19 assistance			
Number of COVID-19 repatriations			
Assistance to Overseas Sri Lankans			
Improvement of cooperation under Health Diplomacy			
Number of initiatives under Ministry Strategic Communication Approach			
Number of Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding			
Engagements with media (Effectiveness of the Public Diplomacy to promote and safeguard Sri Lanka's National Interest in abroad)			
Number of Trade Promotion Events		*	
Number of Tourism Promotion Events		*	
Number of Export Promotion Events		*	
Number of Investment Promotion Events		*	
Number of initiatives under Economic Diplomacy in 'New Normal'			
Improvement of Defence cooperation and enhancement of security related engagement			
Number of Cultural Promotion Events		*	
Number of Scholarship Opportunities for Sri Lankans/Engagements with Foreign education authorities			
Improvement of Cooperation in Science and Technology			
Number of initiatives under Consular Services and labour welfare			
Improvements of Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development			

*Due to the pandemic situation, most of the physical events which were pre-planned could not be held. Some were shifted to virtual events.

Achievement of Key Performance Indicators in Percentage (KPIs)

Divisions with Cross Cutting Areas

United Nations and Human Rights Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
<u>Political Diplomacy</u> Human Rights Number of substantive interventions and contributions at Human Rights Council sessions in February, June and September Number of meetings/events in which Sri Lanka's position was presented Number of resolutions supported/ co-sponsored at the HRC sessions Submit Sri Lanka's periodic reports (CEDAW, CMW, ICESCR, ICCPR, ICED, CAT) Country visits by Special Rapporteurs Number of follow-up activities carried out on UPR recommendations on Sri Lanka		80%	
Humanitarian Affairs UNHCR - Number of interactions held and outcome ICRC - Number of interactions held and outcome			70%
76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Successful participation of H.E. the President/ Foreign Minister and delegation from SL at the High Level Segment of the 76th UNGA in Sep 2021 Number of interventions / statements delivered at the 76th session Number of initiatives / resolutions supported by Sri Lanka at the 76th Session		85 %	
Sri Lanka at the other like-minded groupings NAM - No of meetings coordinated Preparation of interventions No of initiatives supported by Sri Lanka G 77 - No of meetings coordinated Preparation of interventions No of initiatives supported by Sri Lanka		80%	
Candidatures	90%		

Number of candidatures of other countries supported by Sri Lanka contributing to deepen bilateral cooperation with UN Member States, Candidature database is updated Number of initiatives taken to promote SL's candidatures Number of reciprocal arrangements secured for Sri Lanka's candidatures			
Peacekeeping Timely rotation of troops and delivery of supplies Number of engagements with the DPKO on bilateral matters related to PK deployments Number of engagement at the multilateral PK dialogues		75%	
Facilitation of Sri Lanka's representation at International Fora Number of letter of credence processed and issued within year 2021	100%		
<u>Defence and Security Cooperation</u> Disarmament & Non-proliferation Number of Meetings where Sri Lanka was represented Number of interventions made. Number of initiatives made by Sri Lanka Number of initiatives supported by Sri Lanka to strengthen bilateral engagement with other UN Member Countries (Co-sponsoring, voting) Number of Annual Reports submitted Number of consultations held with the relevant Mine Ban Committee and National Mine Action Center Number of follow-ups made on each legislation measure Number of contributions processed and paid Number of recommendations made regarding accession to disarmament conventions Number of sponsorships secured for Sri Lankans	90%		
Health Diplomacy (multilateral) Number of meetings in which SL was represented through PRUN/ Geneva Number of interventions made Number of positions / policies coordinated and sent instructions to Sri Lanka Missions Number of statements delivered Number of resolutions / joint initiatives co-sponsored/supported		80%	

<u>Economic Diplomacy (multilateral fora)</u> SDG implementation Number of meetings coordinated Number of capacity building programmes FAO & WFP Number of initiatives coordinated Number of meetings coordinated		85%	
Cultural Diplomacy – UNESCO Numbers of events, initiatives and reports Number of submissions coordinated Number of nominations coordinated		80%	

Economic Affairs Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral / Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation Meetings held Communications, follow up actions taken Discussions by SL envoys Quarterly reports on exports, investment, tourist arrival from respective destinations		85%	

Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Create a specific focus on Ocean Affairs, in Sri Lanka Foreign Policy Number of discussions/activities to be held with the local and international agencies and think tanks Number of preparatory discussions to be held virtually prior to the Webinar Number of preparatory discussions to be held virtually prior to the Webinar Number of discussions to be facilitated by the Division with IORA, funding agencies and government line agencies Number of Stakeholders Meetings conducted by the Division Number of follow-up actions to be taken with legal Division to obtain Cabinet approval to adopt the MSR guidelines and regulations	91%		

Two residential workshops held to develop a National Submarine Cable Resilience Plan facilitated by this Division Number of follow up actions taken by the Division to initiate and project the process Number of meetings/discussions with relevant agencies proposed for the interim – committee to be facilitated by this Division			
Create a specific focus on Environment and Climate Change in Sri Lanka's Foreign Policy Number of meetings, activities, events to be conducted with the collaboration of International and local stakeholders would be facilitated by this Division Number of follow up actions to be on 1st and 2nd MELAG meetings hosted by Sri Lanka Number of opportunities facilitated by the division for stakeholders to sharing the current issues pertaining to the subject area, best practices on protection of mangroves, capacity building and scientific information Conduct number of virtual activities prior to the in – person meetings Number of preparatory meetings with line agencies in Sri Lanka will be facilitated by the Division Number of discussions and meetings facilitated by this Division Facilitate local stakeholders for connecting them to fund resources of CLiP programmethrough number of discussions Facilitate focal point in communicating with ISA headquarters in New Delhi via SLHC/New Delhi with regard to the activities conducted by ISA. Number of opportunities/contacts obtained to promote Sri Lanka Number of opportunities obtained for Sri Lanka for climate funding.	95 %		

Policy Planning, Research & HRD			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage of expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Policy objectives, priorities, targets and KPIs - Number of communications had with Divisions/Missions Timely preparation of Annual Action Plan	100%		
Performance evaluation and monitoring - Number of communications had with Divisions/Missions Timely Completion and submission of reports	100%		
Human Resources development - Number of engagements with stakeholders to Discuss/organize/ finalize Gazette notification to conduct an open competitive examinations. Issuance of the Gazette for recruiting officers for LFS		75%	
Amendment to SLFS Minute and discussion on the issues related to implementation of SLFS Minute - Number of Meetings held with stakeholder agencies - Number of meetings convened with internal committee appointed on this matter			60%
Amendment to SLFS Minute and discussion on the issues related to New Promotional scheme in parallel with all island services - Number of meetings convened with internal committee appointed on this matter			50%
Training & Development - Number of trainings offered to Sri Lanka - Number of SLFS officers attended Foreign Trainings - Number of Non-SLFS officers attended Foreign Trainings - Number of Postgraduates Scholarships offered to Sri Lanka - Number of engagements with stakeholders to discuss/organize/finalize Gazette notification to conduct 01st& 02nd Efficiency Bar examination - Number of following ups; conducting examination - Number of Ambassadors/High Commissioners-designate attended for trainings - Number of local training programs organized - Number of SLFS officers trained - Number of HOM/HOP designates attended		80%	
Policy Research - Number research papers developed		80%	

- Number of webinars/ brown bags/ discussions organized			
Create a Healthy Working Environment for better productivity - Number of officers facilitated			40%

Public Diplomacy Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% -75%	74% -50%
Monitoring the Local Media, Foreign Media and Web news items - Generating/compiling/disseminating of Daily Newsround up for all officials in the Ministry and All Mission/Posts - This includes monitoring news on weekends and public holidays. Also includes monitoring on a 24-hour basis any important news arising on a daily basis. - Generation of Daily News Report for Secretary/Foreign Relations, Hon.State Minister/International Cooperation and Hon. Minister/Foreign Relations. - This report is also prepared on weekends and on public holidays (24/7 and 365-Day News Monitoring - Number of rebuttals issued by the Ministry /Missions	90%		
Disseminating Media Releases, Statements, Mission News, Notices to local Print and Online Media, and Foreign Media Correspondents - Number of Media Releases disseminated to the media for publication on different platforms	95%		
Facilitating Foreign Media coverage in Sri Lanka (assisting visits of Journalists and Film Crews - Number of Foreign Journalists arrived and Number of Media Accreditation letters issued - Number of requests issued for the facilitation of customs clearance - Number of Documentaries and Films produced by the visiting journalists - The number of approvals received from relevant line agencies in facilitating the coverage of the media personnel		85%	
Providing coverage to Foreign VVIP/ VIP visits to Sri Lanka - Number of VVIP/ VIP visits covered.		85%	

Enhancing media relations of the Ministry - Number of publications (print/electronic and social media) of media releases issued by the Ministry - The timely and accurate response to daily media queries by Ministry Spokesperson	95%		
Strengthening local and foreign public relations - The number of website hits - Number of Mission websites developed in the standard format - Number of increased followers/ likes - Ministry media releases to be published at all times in all three languages	90%		
Protecting all the internet-connected systems of the Ministry (website, social media accounts, e-mails and other systems) - Percentage of fixed vulnerabilities. (Fixed vulnerabilities ÷ Identified vulnerabilities) × 100%		80%	
Engaging the general public of Sri Lanka, Foreign public and Sri Lankan expatriates to promote Sri Lanka's image abroad through social media & the Ministry website - Number of Twitter and Facebook accounts created by Missions/Posts overseas - Number of Twitter accounts created by HOM's - Number of re-tweets, shares, views and engagements with the social media posts - Number of social media campaigns conducted and number of social media shares - Number of Promotional materials distributed Whether the information available on the website is accurate and up-to-date		80%	
Responding to Media, Arranging Media Conferences and Diplomatic Briefings - Number of media queries responded to by the Ministry. - Number of Media Conferences and Diplomatic Briefings held		80%	

International Security & Counter Terrorism Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
LTTE related activities Retain listing of the LTTE as a terrorist organization in 32 countries Action on cases related to LTTE members abroad Report on the ongoing cases related to revamping activities	90%		
Support counter-terrorism efforts Develop a communications strategy to address the terrorist content and other messaging that promotes terrorist activities and violent extremism Coordination of sharing information related to CT Facilitate coordination with foreign countries in CT matters Support local law enforcement agencies in training, funding and technical needs		85%	
Counter-terrorism legal framework Support SL's contribution in CT at International level Establish/develop regional coordination in CT efforts Develop the formal framework on bilateral coordination re. CT and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)/ Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) Support domestic efforts		80%	
Support countering violent extremism (CVE) efforts Coordinate with bilateral partners and international organizations on projects related to PVE/CVE Support the domestic inquiries		85%	
Support the efforts in combating organized crimes Capacity development of law enforcement officials Launch of programmes in removing small arms and light weapons from society		85%	

Territorial Divisions

Africa Affairs Division			
Priority Area	Actual Output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral /Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation No of Meetings held No. of communications, follow-up actions taken No. of discussions by SL envoys		85%	
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Enhance Diplomatic engagements No.of communications/actions/interaction regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations No of discussions by envoys Signed MOUs/Agreements No. of Bilateral Consultations held No. of Communications/Follow-up actions with line Agencies No. of Policy analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MOU		85%	
Defense&Security Cooperation (visiting, trainings)		80%	

Americas Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage of expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)			
Enhance Diplomatic engagements (no of communications/actions/interactions regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations)		80%	
No of discussions (both physical & virtual) by SL envoys & DPL officers	90%		
No of discussions by Hon FM, FS, Addl SF, DG/Americas and other staff officers with foreign envoys, DPL officers & visiting dignitaries	90%		
No of communications and analysis on important political developments	90%		
No of incoming and outgoing visits facilitated			50%

No of meetings/discussions and communications to finalise MoUs/Agreements		85%	
No of Bilateral Consultations held			50%
No of communications/follow up actions with line agencies	90%		
No of policy analysis prepared with regard to MoUs/Agreements		85%	
No of communications, discussions and meetings to finalise GoSL submissions to the US Department of Trafficking in Persons Report 2021 & 2022	100%		
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)			
Enhancing bilateral trade, investments, tourism & development assistance		75%	
No of meetings held		75%	
No of communications, follow up actions taken		75%	
No of discussions by SL envoys and DPL officers		75%	
No of discussions with foreign envoys and DPL officers	90%		
No of quarterly reports on exports, investments, tourist arrivals from respective destinations			50%
Defence and security cooperation			
No of defence related visits (incoming and outgoing)		85%	
No of military equipment donations (eg: donation of US cutter)	100%		
No of training programmes	100%		
No of joint exercises		80%	
No of communications, meetings and discussions to counter adverse campaigns by anti-Sri Lanka elements overseas	100%		
Public Diplomacy			
No. of tweets & press releases	90%		
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant labour welfare, Overseas Sri Lankans and COVID-19 related activity			
Facilitation of Vaccine donation	100%		
Other financial assistance to fight COVID 19 pandemic	100%		
Donation of critical medical equipment and services	100%		
Cultural Diplomacy and People to people relations			
Events & discussions			50%
Other			

No of gratis visas facilitated	100%		
No of communications to line agencies, Department of Immigration & Emigration and the resident Missions concerning visas	100%		
No of follow up actions	100%		

East Asia Division			
Priority Area	Actual Output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)		85%	
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)	92%		
Defence & Security Cooperation	83%		
Public Diplomacy	84%		
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lanka & Covid related Activity	89%		
Cultural Diplomacy and People to People Relations			21 %
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development			69%
Other (science diplomacy, education)	95%		

Note:

- Output Percentage of activities related to the respective priority areas was calculated as an average value of output percentages sent by the Missions/Posts under the purview of this Division.
- Average Output Percentage of Consular Diplomacy and People to People Relations shows a significantly lower value. The restrictions with regard to the Covid 19 outbreak are identified as the key reason for this decrease.
- Average Output Percentage for Human Resources, Mission Management, and Overseas Assets Management & Development has also shown a relatively lower value. Financial and Human Resources restrictions of the Covid 19 situation are identified as the key reason for this decline.

Europe, CA, EU & CW Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation No. of meetings held No. of communications, follow up actions taken No. of discussions by SL envoys No. of quarterly reports on exports, investment, tourist arrival from respective destinations.		75%	
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Enhance Diplomatic engagements No. of communications/actions/interaction regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations No. of discussions by SL envoys Signed MoUs/Agreements No. of Bilateral Consultations held No. of Communications/Follow up actions with line Agencies No. of Police Analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MoU	90%		
Defence & Security cooperation (visits, trainings)	90%		
Public Diplomacy (press release, tweets)		85%	
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lanka & Covid related activity (income & revenue)			70%
Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations (events, discussions)			60%
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development (meetings, trainings)			

Middle East Division			
Priority Area	Actual Output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)	90%		
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)	95%		
Defence & Security Cooperation		75%	
Public Diplomacy			70%
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lanka & Covid related Activity	90%		
Cultural Diplomacy and People to People Relations			60%
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development			70%
Other (science diplomacy, education)		75%	

Note:

- This Division calculated Output Percentage of activities related to priority areas by averaging the values reported by Missions/Posts under the purview of the Middle East Division.
- The average output percentage for Cultural and People-to-People Relations was significantly lower than the previous years and this decline can be attributed to the restrictions associated with the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- The Average Output Percentage for Human Resources, Mission Management, and Overseas Assets Management & Development has declined substantially. Financial and Human Resources constraints in the Covid 19 situation is considered to be the primary reason for the decline.
- In addition the other area such as science diplomacy and the education cooperation shows a significantly lower value, which is due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the travel restrictions.

South Asia & SAARC Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Eg: Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation No. of meetings held No. of communications, follow up actions taken No. of discussions by SL envoys No. of quarterly reports on exports, investment, tourist arrival from respective destinations.		75%	55%

Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Eg: Enhance Diplomatic engagements No. of communications/actions/interaction regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations No. of discussions by SL envoys Signed MoUs/Agreements No. of Bilateral Consultations held No. of Communications/Follow up actions with line Agencies No. of Police Analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MoU	90%	70%	50%
Defence& Security cooperation (visits, trainings)	90%		
Public Diplomacy (press release, tweets)		75%	
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lanka &Covid related activity (income & revenue)			
Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations (events, discussions)			50%
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development (meetings, trainings)			

Southeast Asia Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation No of meetings held No of communications, follow up actions taken No of discussions held by SL envoys No of quarterly reports on exports, investment, tourist arrival from respective countries		80%	
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral political relations Building of a solid legal foundation for further cooperation No of discussions held by SL envoys No of MoUs/Agreements finalized to be signed No of Bilateral Consultations held No of Communications, follow up actions taken	90%		
Defence & Security Cooperation Enhancing bilateral defence cooperation Building of a solid legal foundation for further cooperation No of MoUs/Agreements finalized to be signed No of training programmes conducted		80%	
Public Diplomacy (Press release, tweets)	95%		
Cultural Diplomacy (Events, discussions)	95%		
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour welfare, Overseas Sri Lanka & Covid related activity (Income and revenue)	95%		
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development (Meetings, trainings)	90%		

Operational Divisions

HR & MM Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% -75%	74% - 50%
Overall administration of the Human Resources & Mission Management of the SL Missions/Posts abroad		85%	

Legal Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/ Multilateral) Providing Comprehensive observations on Treaties, Agreements and MoUs Multilateral Treaties, Conventions and Agreements(examine whether ratifications / accessions / signature of particular International Convention/ Treaty/ Agreement is advantageous to Sri Lanka and whether there is adequate legislation to ratify the Treaty/Convention)	99%	75%	
Economic Diplomacy Trade and Investment Negotiating Bilateral Investment Treaties with Turkey and UAE Air Services Agreements Finalization of Air Services agreements with the Republic of Korea (ROK), Luxembourg, Oman Canada and Afghanistan for signature with a view to enabling faster and easier movement of trade and passengers between the Countries for trade and economic development Avoidance of Double Taxation Concluding Agreements on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Turkey, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Denmark & India. Visa Exemption Agreements Concluding Visa Exemption Agreements with Maldives, Indonesia, Armenia and Lebanon	98%	75% 75% 75%	73%

Defence and Security Cooperation Mutual Legal Assistance Concluding Agreements on Mutual Legal Assistance with ROK, Maldives, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Lebanon Agreements on Transfer of Sentenced Persons - Concluding Agreements with Republic of Korea, Egypt, and Lebanon -Entering into the Agreement with the Czech Republic Extradition Concluding Extradition treaties with ROK, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Maldives and UAE	100%	75%	73%
Consular Diplomacy Readmission Entering into EU/SL Readmission Protocols/Agreements, already finalized with the Netherlands on behalf of the Benelux countries, France, Italy and Georgia, subject to “clarifying the Readmission -Concluding Agreement with Russia -Concluding Agreement with Ukraine -Concluding an MoU with Australia Labour/Migrant Worker Agreements Concluding labour/migrant worker Agreements with Bahrain, Lebanon, Philippines, Seychelles, Luxembourg, Romania and Renewal Agreement with the Republic of Korea	100%	75%	50%
other Law of the Sea Defending Sri Lanka’s continental shelf submission before the Sub-Commission appointed by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS). Court Cases -Handling Fundamental Rights Cases other cases. - Foreign Summons Right to Information Requests -Facilitating RTI requests	90%		73%
	100%		
	100%		
	98%		

Overseas Assets Management and Development Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% -75%	74% - 50%
Renovation/construction of GOSL owned properties abroad Number of CPC/MPC meetings Amount used in allocated budget. Number of communications made with line agencies. Number of Reports and assessment generated and follow-up actions completed to achieve final result.			40%
Streamlining the process of obtaining approval for requests which have already been forwarded to the Treasury to purchase Vehicles for SL Missions/Posts abroad Number of approvals given by the MPC Number of vehicles acquired			20%
Purchase of capital items for SL Missions/Posts abroad Number of approvals given by the MPC Number of items purchased			60%
Promote effective use of information technology to improve productivity and efficiency of the work of the staff of the Division No. of appointment/transfers No. of active files	90%		
To expedite the services/functions of the Travel Division No. of visits/TPNs	100%		

Protocol Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% -75%	74% - 50%
Digitalization of the documentation process of the Division			50%
Establishment of a Diplomatic Enclave			60%
Training for the staff			40%
Revamping of the Protocol Division Website		80%	
Reinstate of Concurrent Accreditations			70%

Reviewing the existing Policies on facilitating Foreign dignitaries for State and Official visits			65%
Updating the Protocol Manuel		75%	
Recruiting new Protocol Officers following the newly approved carder			50%

General Administration Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% -90%	89% -75%	74% - 50%
Develop Secure Communication Management system Reduced 50% of space used for record keeping Reduced % of paper usage			50%
Fulfil the requirement of staff for the Ministry Establishment of restructured organization No. of SORs developed for new cadre No. of vacant positions filled	*		
Develop Assets Management System(AMS) No. Asset Records Digitized		80%	
Enhance the capacity of applying IT knowledge in operational work to expedite the processes No. of video training sessions conducted No. of participants No. of training programmes conducted No. of participants		89%	
Introduce Transportation Management System (TMS) Reduce % of fuel consumption Reduce % of complaints received	**		
Relocation of the Ministry under one house Relevant Institutions and Agencies consulted Negotiations conducted Completed feasibility study			20%

* Steps were taken as per the instructions given by the Department of Management Services

** Implementation of this priority area was obstructed due to Covid-19 pandemic during the year 2021 and brought forwarded to 2022.

Internal Audit Division			
Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% -75%	74% - 50%
Monitor and evaluate the performance of the Ministry, its Missions/Posts as a government institute accountable to the Parliament. Number of internal audit reports submitted with recommendations for exposing internal control deficiencies and correcting them. Number of internal audit reports submitted with recommendations for exposing internal control deficiencies and correcting them.		76%	

CHAPTER 05

PERFORMANCE OF THE ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

5.1 Identified respective Sustainable Development Goals

Goal / Objective	Targets	Indicators of the Achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
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5.2 Achievements and Challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

- In line with the policy articulated in the GoSL statement at the High –Level Segment of the 43rd Session of the Human Rights Council in February 2020, and importance placed by Sri Lanka on the implementation of the SDGs, the Foreign Ministry coordinated the assessment of the current status of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and proposed steps to mainstream in line with the Government Policy Framework.
- The Minister of Foreign Relations appointed a Working Group in March 2020 to assess the current status of SDG implementation and to propose way forward. The Working Group recommended that the Sustainable Development Framework requires stewardship at the highest level which has both convening power and the ability to foster multi-stakeholder engagement.
- Pursuant to a Cabinet Memo submitted by the Hon Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, the Cabinet of Ministers by its decision dated 4 January 2021 approved to appoint a high-level Steering Committee under the leadership of Hon Prime Minister Mahinada Rajapaksa. The Foreign Secretary was also appointed as a member of the Steering Committee.
- As agreed at the first Steering Committee, the Ministry of Finance was tasked to appoint members to a technical committee from relevant Ministries to assist the Steering Committee and further action on implementation of national framework of the SDGs will be coordinated under the guidance of the Ministry of Finance.
- The First Meeting of the SDG-16 Steering Committee was convened by the Ministry of Justice in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Council on 30 June 2021 and at the meeting it was decided to constitute sub-committees (consisting of key

institutions) relating to crime control, corruption control, strengthening access to Justice and public service delivery to formulate and implement time bound action plans to achieve SDG-16 targets. Hon. Justice Minister instructed to form a Sub Committee including officials from Justice Ministry, Foreign Ministry and Sustainable Development Council. Foreign Ministry participated at the meetings of the Sub Committee at the Ministry of Justice.

- According to the Sustainable Development Report 2021, Sri Lanka has improved its global rank by 7 positions and is placed at 87th place out of 165 countries in 2021, in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index.
- The Foreign Ministry assisted the Sustainable Development Council of Sri Lanka, which, jointly organised with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission's (UNESCAP) South and South West Asia Office, the 5th South Asia Forum on Sustainable Development Goals in Colombo from 15-17 November 2021, under the theme "Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda".
- The Ministry contributed to the initial discussions representing Foreign Ministry at the National Steering Committee Meetings towards Sri Lanka's preparations to present its 2nd compilation of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the status of implementation of the SDGs in Sri Lanka which will be presented to the United Nations High Level Political Forum on SDGs in July 2021.
- In partnership with the Government, the UN is preparing its UN Sustainable development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for the period of 2023-2027. The framework will be the key document to guide the programmes of the United Nations in Sri Lanka for the period 2023-2027. In order to develop the framework, a working committee and a joint steering committee have been established and it includes key line ministries and the Sustainable Development Council. The Ministry contributed to the initial discussions related to development of the Framework and participated at the National High Level Steering Committee Meetings and at subsequent working level meetings.

CHAPTER 06

HUMAN RESOURCES PROFILE OF THE MINISTRY

06.1 Cadre Management

Staff of the Ministry

	Approved Cadre	Existing	Vacancies/ Excess
Senior	104	90	14
Tertiary	11	01	10
Secondary	370	398	- *
Primary	125	117	8

* 02 vacancies existed in the Librarian Service

Staff of the Missions

	Approved Cadre	Existing	Vacancies*/ Excess
Home Based			
Senior/Tertiary	258	221	37
Secondary	263	213	50
Primary	07	06	01
Locally Recruited			
Secondary	255	165	90
Primary	327	260	67

- I. Senior/Tertiary – Head of the Mission, Minister Counsellor, Counsellor, First Secretary, Second Secretary, Third Secretary
- II. Secondary – Officers in Management Assistant Service including Development Assistant, Information Technology Officers
- III. Locally Recruited Secretary – Officers including Clerks, Receptionists, Stenographers, Translators, Information Technology Officers
- IV. Primary – Officers including Drivers, KKS, Sanitary Labours

06.2 **Briefly state how the shortage or excess in human resources has been affected to the performance of the Ministry.

With the increase of functional scope of this Ministry and expansion of the Divisions, the need for additional senior staff officers and the subordinate ranks has been raised. Considering the current need and forecasted future trends in international affairs, expansion of the functions of the divisions is vital in achieve the objectives of Sri Lanka's foreign policy.

The Ministry has identified the need to scrutinize the number of approved cadre of staff officers and other support staff and to this effect, a cadre rationalization exercise of staff in the Missions was undertaken. However, noting the current contractions/diversification in the workload in Missions due to the pandemic and economic downturn, it was decided that any proposed cadre revision should be considered as a temporary measure in the existing cadre.

In order to address the shortages in human resources in the Ministry, the Ministry had proposed a comprehensive organizational restructuring to the Department of Management Services in 2019 but the process remained inclusive. With a view to commencing the process once again, a Committee has been appointed to study the cadre requirement in the Ministry to identify the need for expansion based on requirements.

The Ministry further notes that the delay in conducting the Open Competitive Examination for recruitment to the SLFS since 2018 has created a vacuum of SLFS Officers in the Ministry and the situation has further worsened with several retirements of senior SLFS officers during 2020-2021 period. Covid related factors such as administrative delays due to lack of access to file records, working from home arrangements during lockdowns, inadequate technological support/IT infrastructure have had a large impact on the optimal use of human resources in the Ministry and the Missions. At the same time, lack of human resources at support staff level and at junior executive level have also over-burdened the staff officers at senior level and mid-level. However, this Ministry took steps to utilize the existing cadre in order to carry out the tasks effectively without causing a negative impact on its performance.

6.3 Human Recourse Development

Training Programmes by Policy Planning, Research and HRD Division for Staff Officers

Name of the Programme	No. of staff trained	Duration of the programme	Total Investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the programme (Abroad/Local)	Output /Knowledge Gained
			Local(Rs.)	Foreign		
Discussion Series: "Cyber Security Awareness – Dos and Don'ts"	All SLFS officers	06 January 2021	-	-	Online	Improve knowledge in Cyber Security Awareness
Discussion Series: "EU GSP+ - what it means and involves for Sri Lanka"	All SLFS officers	10 May 2021	-	-	Online	Improve knowledge in the important of GSP+
Orientation Programme for Heads of Missions (HOM)/ Posts and Diplomatic Officers	04 Designated HOM/Posts and 22 Diplomatic officers	9-16 Feb (6 Days)	29,650.00	-	Local	Programme was covered briefings on bilateral and Multilateral political affairs, economic diplomacy, public diplomacy and other Ministry functions
E-Workshop on Economic Diplomacy in Collaboration with the United Nations Institute of Training & Research (UNITAR)	30	22-25 March (4 Days)	-	-	Online	Improvement of the skills of partitioning Sri Lankan Diplomats by strengthening their knowledge of Economic Diplomacy and the interlinkages between economics and foreign policy
UNITAR Hiroshima Training Programme on Nuclear Disarmament &	1	9-19 March (6 days)	-	-	Online	To develop skills of negotiation and communication of mid-level professionals in Globally

Non – Proliferation Cycle Virtual Training								
PA training	43					-	Online	Improvement of the basic knowledge of IT skills to smooth office functions
Diplomatic Training - Turkey training	34(Ministry) 7 (Mission)					-		Knowledge gain on Turkish foreign policy
Information & Experience sharing event with senior retired SLFS officers	80					-	Online	Knowledge gain on past experience of senior officers
Digital Training on Blue Diplomacy: enhancing sustainable Economic Development of the Oceans	25					-	Online	Knowledge gain on economic diplomacy, international law, international negotiations, and strategic planning skills
Facebook training	81					-	Online	Knowledge gain on professional usage of Face Book
Seminar on “Belt & Road” International Capacity Cooperation for Sri Lanka (Online)						-	online	Building Capacity of officers
SCP Training Award (E learning) : International Low of the Sea						-	Singapore	Knowledge gain on the matters related to International Law
NESA & APCSS Workshop on Strategic Competition in the western Indian Ocean Region (WIOR01-21)						-	online	Knowledge gain on the strategic competition in the western Indian region
Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea, virtual program.						-	online	Knowledge gain on the matters related to International Law

Third Efficiency Bar-Capacity Building Training for Sri Lanka Foreign Service Grade I Officers	02 July 2021 onwards.	Virtual platform (BIDTI-ELS)	Completed the service requirement and improved the knowledge of Grade I Officers
2021 Fellowship programme on Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy	01 21 June - 2 July	- Online	Strengthen skills in areas in conflict analysis, negotiation and mediation to international and national civil servants to deepen knowledge.
United Nations Regional Course in "International Law for Asia-Pacific"	15 November - 10 December	Bangkok, Thailand-	Knowledge gain on the matters related to International Law
Healthcare Management in the COVID-19 New Normal (E-LEARNING)	30 August to 03 September	Online	Knowledge gain on the matters related to Healthcare Management
Virtual Orientation Programme for Heads of Missions (HOMs)/Posts and Diplomatic Officers	05 Designated HOM/Posts and 20 Diplomatic officers 30 August - 02 September (4 Days)	Local	It was covered participant's basic knowledge of Ministry functions and all contemporary aspects of Country's Foreign Policy
Training & capacity building programme titled "Bay of Bengal Regional Trade & Connectivity Building programme"	05 October 2021 - August 2022	Online	Develop participants' capacity by encouraging critical thinking to explore the linkages between various modes of infrastructure and trade integration
Invitation to the Global Forum of Young Diplomats in Moscow	01 12-16 October	Russia	Exchange of views between young diplomats all over the world

3 rd Annual Disarmament and International Security Affairs Fellowship Programme at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign service, New Delhi	01	09-29 January	-	-	India	The programme is under processing
Implementation of Official Language Policy for Sri Lanka Foreign Service	16	From 07.12.2021 (200hrs)	-	-	Local	Officers are successfully following for the service requirement of second language proficiency
UNHCR training on "International Refugee Protection"	02	09 December (1 Day)	-	-	Local	Discussed on matters related to refugees and asylum-seekers and got an opportunity to an insight into UNHCR's work

Local Training programmes conducted by General Administration Division

Name of the Programme	No. of staff trained	Duration of the programme	Total Investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the programme (Abroad/ Local)	Output /Knowledge Gained
			Local (Rs.)	Foreign		
Capacity Building						
Pre- training for Board of Survey 2020	47 Officers	05.01.2021 (1 Day)	17164.00		Local	Knowledge gain on Board of survey 2020 and completed the Board of Survey
ITMIS Training	2	22.02.2021 25.02.2021 (4 days)	-		Local	Improved competencies in ITMISS Accounting system and enhanced the procedures
Consular Service Awareness Programme for Mission appointed MSOs	90	3.02.2021/24.02.2021 (2 days)	-		Local	Acquired the basic knowledge to process the Consular duties
Post Graduate Diploma in Public Diplomacy & World Affairs	1	1 year	37,500.00		Local	Improved the competencies in Public Diplomacy& World Affairs
Master's in Public Administration/ Postgraduate Degree Program	1	2 years (on going)	375,000.00		Local	Completed the service requirement and improved the knowledge
200hrs Tamil Language Course	16	25 days (April/September)	-		Local	Completed the service requirement and improved the knowledge to work in Tamil language

Master's in Financial Economics - Postgraduate Degree Program	1	1 Year	90,000.00	Local	Completed the service requirement and improved the knowledge to build up career
Cypher Security work shop	3	5 days - March/April	-	Local	Improved knowledge in Cyber Security & applied to enhance work place security system
Advanced Ms Excel	1	3 days (1 September 2021)	3500.00	Local	Improved knowledge in Ms. Excel to enhance work place Performance
Disciplinary Procedures	26	07 October 2021 (One day)	300,000.00	Local	Enhanced the knowledge on Government procedures to take responsibility to complete assigned duties effectively.
National Diploma in IT & Human Resource Management	20	One year – ongoing	300,000.0	Local	Depository of new knowledge for career development of Officers
National Diploma in IT & Public Management	20	One year – ongoing	5000.00	Local	Depository of new knowledge for career development of Officers
Procurement Procedures	24	31.10.2021(One day)	5000.00	Local	Enhanced the knowledge on Government procedures to take responsibility complete assigned duties effectively.
E-Code & Office Procedures (Sinhala Medium)	29	19.11.2021(One day)	5000.00	Local	Enhanced the knowledge on Government procedures to take

							responsibility complete assigned duties effectively.
Public Service Commission rules – (Sinhala Medium)	28	10.12.2021(One day)	5000.00		Local		Enhanced the knowledge on Government procedures to take responsibility complete assigned duties effectively.
E-Code & Office Procedures (Tamil Medium)	34	21.12.2021(One day)	5000.00		Local		Enhanced the knowledge on Gov procedures to take responsibility complete assigned duties effectively.
Financial Regulations and Procedures - (Tamil Medium)	24	30.12.2021(One day)	5000.00		Local		Enhanced the knowledge on Gov procedures to take responsibility complete assigned duties effectively.

CHAPTER 07

COMPLIANCE REPORT

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance status Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1 The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date				
1.1	Annual Financial Statement	Complied		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not applicable		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not applicable		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not applicable		
1.6	Others	Not applicable		
2 Maintenances of books and registers (FR445)				
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular267/ 2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAZ) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		

2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Not Complied	Delay in receiving information from Overseas Missions	Noted to update next year
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
3 Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)				
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The Controls has been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
4 Preparation of Annual Plans				
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit Plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied		

4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
5 Audit Queries				
5.1	All the audit queries has been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Complied		
6 Internal Audit				
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/1-2019	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports has been replied within one month	Complied		
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
7 Audit and Management Committee				
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular I-2019	Not Complied	Meetings could not be held as scheduled due to the Covid 19 epidemic	For the coming year Arrangements have been made to hold meetings as scheduled
8 Asset Management				
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposal was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Assets Management Circular No.01/2017	Complied		

8.2	A Suitable Liaison officer was appointed coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Complied		
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Not Complied	BoS was delayed due to prevailed pandemic situation.	2020 BoS has been completed. BoS for the year 2021 has been commenced
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendation, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Not Complied	BoS was delayed due to prevailed pandemic situation.	Action has been taken with regard to excesses and deficits for the year 2020. BoS for the year 2021 has been commenced
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Not Complied	BoS was delayed due to prevailed pandemic situation.	Action has been taken with regard to the disposal of condemn articles for the 2020. BoS for the year 2021 has been commenced
9 Vehicle Management				
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Complied		

9.2	The condemned vehicles has been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Not applicable (There are no condemn vehicles in the Ministry at the moment)		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and update	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R.103,104,109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No.30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied		
10 Management of Bank Accounts				
10.1	The Bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Complied		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied		
11 Utilization of Provisions				
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied		

12 Advances to Public Officers Account				
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Not Complied	Difficulty finding information	Action will be taken to find the information
13 General Deposit Account				
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control register for general deposit had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14 Imprest Account				
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprest issued as per F.R.371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprest has been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R.371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15 Revenue Account				
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Not applicable		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Not applicable		

15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Not applicable		
16 Human Resource Management				
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular No.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
17 Provisions of Information to the public				
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulations	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the Public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate/ allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Complied		
17.3	Bi-Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied		
18 Implementing citizens charter				
18.1	A citizens charter/Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018 (1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied		
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the	Complied		

	implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular			
19 Preparation of the Human Resource Plan				
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Complied		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Not Complied	Due to inadequacy of funds allocated	
19.3	Annual Performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied for staff grade officers		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20 Responses Audit Reports				
20.1	The shortcoming pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		



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විදේශ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2021 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව විගණකාධිපති සම්පිණ්ඩන වාර්තාව.

1. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන

1.1 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය

විදේශ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2021 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය ප්‍රකාශය, එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශවලින් සමන්විත 2021 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ විධිවිධාන සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ ඇතුළත් විධිවිධාන ප්‍රකාර මාගේ විධානය යටතේ විගණනය කරන ලදී. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව විදේශ අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලබන මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මාගේ අදහස් දැක්වීම් හා නිරීක්ෂණයන් මෙම වාර්තාවේ සඳහන් වේ. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(2) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී වෙත වාර්ෂික විස්තරාත්මක කළමනාකරණ විගණන වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී නිකුත් කරනු ලැබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 10 වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු විගණකාධිපති වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලැබේ.

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණුවලින් වන බලපෑම හැර, මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලින් 2021 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට විදේශ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා එහි මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කරන බව මා දරන්නා වූ මතය වේ.





1.2 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණු මත පදනම්ව මාගේ මතය තත්ත්වගණනය කරනු ලැබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිතිවලට (ශ්‍රී.ලං.වි.ප්‍ර) අනුකූලව මා විගණනය සිදු කරන ලදී. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් මාගේ වගකීම, විගණකගේ වගකීම යන වගන්තියේ තවදුරටත් විස්තර කර ඇත. මාගේ මතය සඳහා පදනමක් සැපයීම උදෙසා මා විසින් ලබා ගෙන ඇති විගණන සාක්ෂි ප්‍රමාණවත් සහ උචිත බව මාගේ විශ්වාසයයි.

1.3 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම

පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව හා 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38 වගන්තියේ සඳහන් විධිවිධානවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කෙරෙන පරිදි මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීම හා වංචා සහ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොරව මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකි වනු පිණිස අවශ්‍යවන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය තීරණය කිරීම ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම වේ.

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 16(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් වාර්ෂික හා කාලීන මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකිවන පරිදි ස්වකීය ආදායම්, වියදම්, වත්කම් හා බැරකම් පිළිබඳ නිසි පරිදි පොත්පත් හා වාර්තා පවත්වා ගෙන යා යුතුය.

ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38(1)(ඇ) උප වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා සඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන බවට ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී සහතික විය යුතු අතර එම පද්ධතියේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව කලින් කල සමාලෝචනයක් සිදු කර ඒ අනුව පද්ධතිය ඵලදායී ලෙස කරගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කරනු ලැබිය යුතුය.

1.4 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය පිළිබඳ විගණකගේ වගකීම

සමස්ථයක් ලෙස මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන, වංචා හා වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇතිවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොර බවට සාධාරණ තහවුරුවක් ලබාදීම සහ මාගේ මතය ඇතුළත් විගණන වාර්තාව නිකුත් කිරීම මාගේ අරමුණ වේ. සාධාරණ සහතිකවීම උසස් මට්ටමේ සහතිකවීමක් වන නමුත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනය සිදු කිරීමේදී එය සෑම විටම ප්‍රමාණාත්මක

සාමාන්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන් අනාවරණය කර ගන්නා බවට වන තහවුරු කිරීමක් නොවනු ඇත. වංචා සහ වැරදි තනි හෝ සාමූහික ලෙස බලපෑම නිසා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාමාන්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇති විය හැකි අතර, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක භාවය මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පදනම් කර ගනිමින් පරිශීලකයන් විසින් ගනු ලබන ආර්ථික තීරණ කෙරෙහි වන බලපෑම මත රඳා පවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනයේ කොටසක් ලෙස මා විසින් විගණනයේදී වෘත්තීය විනිශ්චය සහ වෘත්තීය සැකමුසුබවින් යුතුව ක්‍රියා කරන ලදී. මා විසින් තවදුරටත්,

- ප්‍රකාශ කරන ලද විගණන මතයට පදනමක් සපයා ගැනීමේදී වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාමාන්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන් ඇතිවීමේ අවදානම් හඳුනාගැනීම හා තක්සේරු කිරීම සඳහා අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලදී. වරදවා දැක්වීම් හේතුවෙන් සිදුවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාමාන්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන්ගෙන් සිදුවන බලපෑමට වඩා වංචාවකින් සිදුවන්නා වූ බලපෑම ප්‍රබල වන්නේ ඒවා දුස්ස්‍රාව්‍යතාවයෙන්, ව්‍යාජ ලේඛන සැකසීමෙන්, චේතනාන්විත මඟහැරීමෙන්, වරදවා දැක්වීමෙන් හෝ අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් මඟ හැරීමෙන් වැනි හේතු නිසා වන බැවිනි.
- අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අදහසින් නොවුවද, අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කිරීම පිණිස අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබා ගන්නා ලදී.
- හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය සහ අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණ අයුරින් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇතුළත් බව ඇගයීම.
- මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය හා අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණව ඇතුළත් වී ඇති බව සහ හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල සමස්ථ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම අගයන ලදී.

මාගේ විගණනය තුළදී හඳුනාගත් වැදගත් විගණන සොයාගැනීම්, ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන දුර්වලතා හා අනෙකුත් කරුණු පිළිබඳව ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී දැනුවත් කරමි.



1.5 වෙනත් නෛතික අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ වාර්තාව

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(අ) පහත විෂයයන්ගේ වෙනස්කම් හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ඉකුත් වර්ෂය සමඟ අනුරූප නොවන බවට

විෂයය	සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ දක්වා ඇති වටිනාකම රු.	පසුගිය වර්ෂයේ විගණන නිරීක්ෂණ අනුව දැක්විය යුතු වටිනාකම රු.	වෙනස රු.
(i) පුද්ගල පඩිනඩි හා මෙහෙයුම් වියදම්	10,370,961,874	10,061,370,232	309,591,642
(ii) අත්තිකාරම් ගෙවීම්	49,671,064	49,605,057	66,007
(iii) භෞතික වත්කම් ඉදිකිරීම් හෝ මිලදී ගැනීම	198,538,869	70,399,077	128,139,792

(iv) ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ සහනාධාර හා මාරු කිරීම් රු. 437,731,433ක් දක්වා තිබුණද සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ එවැනි අගයක් දක්වා නොතිබුණු අතර, ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ භාණ්ඩාගාරයට පියවන ලද අග්‍රිම ශේෂයක් නොතිබුණද සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළව භාණ්ඩාගාරයට පියවන ලද අග්‍රිම ශේෂය රු.943,415ක් ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණි.

(ආ) ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ මා විසින් කර තිබුණු නිර්දේශ ක්‍රියාත්මක කර තිබුණි.

1.6 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ අදහස් දැක්වීම

1.6.1 අග්‍රිම සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශය

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) අනෙකුත් ශීර්ෂ විසින් අත්තිකාරම් "බී" ගිණුමට කරන ලද බැර කිරීම් වටිනාකම රු. 8,115,205 ක් වුවත් එම වටිනාකම රු. 8,106,458 ක් ලෙස අග්‍රිම සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශයට ගලපා තිබුණි.

(ආ) අනෙකුත් ශීර්ෂ විසින් අත්තිකාරම් "බී" ගිණුමට කරන ලද හර කිරීම් වටිනාකම රු. 304,973 ක් වුවත් අග්‍රිම සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශයේ එම වටිනාකම රු. 313,723 ක් ලෙස ගලපා තිබුණි.

1.6.2 මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශය

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) භාණ්ඩාගාර පරිගණක මුද්‍රිතය අනුව රු. 2,094,037,896 ක් වූ තැන්පතු ලැබීම් වටිනාකම මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයේ රු. 2,076,010,925 ක් ලෙස දක්වා තිබීමෙන් තැන්පතු ලැබීම් රු. 18,026,971 ක් අඩුවෙන් මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයට ගැලපීම් කර තිබුණි.

(ආ) මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයේ අත්තිකාරම් ලැබීම් රු. 51,762,773 ක් ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණද භාණ්ඩාගාර පරිගණක මුද්‍රිතය අනුව එම වටිනාකම රු. 51,771,520 ක් වූයෙන් අත්තිකාරම් ලැබීම් රු. 8,747 ක් අඩුවෙන් ගලපා තිබුණි. තවද භාණ්ඩාගාර පරිගණක මුද්‍රිතය අනුව, අත්තිකාරම් ගෙවීම් වටිනාකම රු. 39,134,951 ක් වුවද, මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයේ එම වටිනාකම රු. 39,143,701 ක් ලෙස දක්වා තිබීම හේතුවෙන් අත්තිකාරම් ගෙවීම් රු. 8,750 ක් වැඩියෙන් දක්වා තිබුණි.

(ඇ) භාණ්ඩාගාර පරිගණක මුද්‍රිතය අනුව මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයේ දැක්විය යුතු තැන්පතු ගෙවීම් රු. 2,073,640,054 ක් වුවද, එය රු. 2,050,025,630 ක් ලෙස සටහන් කිරීමෙන් මූල්‍ය කාර්යය සාධන ප්‍රකාශයේ රු. 23,614,424 ක් අඩුවෙන් ගැලපීම් කර තිබුණි.



1.6.3 මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශය

1.6.3.1 මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) ඒකාබද්ධ ශේෂ පිරික්සුම අනුව පුද්ගල පඩිනඩි හා මෙහෙයුම් වියදම් වටිනාකම රු. 10,837,484,562 ක් වුවද මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ එම වටිනාකම රු. 11,183,873,316 ක් ලෙස සටහන් කිරීමෙන් රු. 346,388,754 ක් වැඩියෙන් ගැලපීම් කර තිබුණි.

(ආ) ඒකාබද්ධ ශේෂ පිරික්සුම අනුව සහනාධාර හා මාරු කිරීම් රු. 470,003,154 ක් වුවද මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ වටිනාකමක් නොමැති ලෙස දක්වා තිබීම හේතුවෙන් රු. 470,003,154 ක් අඩුවෙන් ගැලපීම් කර තිබුණි.

1.6.3.2 ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය

මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශයේ භෞතික වත්කම් ඉදිකිරීම හෝ මිලදී ගැනීම හා වෙනත් ආයෝජන අත්කර ගැනීම් යටතේ රු. 187,030,142 ක් දක්වා තිබුණද ඒකාබද්ධ ශේෂ පිරික්සුම අනුව එම වටිනාකම රු. 63,415,742 ක් වූයෙන් රු. 123,614,400 ක් වැඩියෙන් දක්වා තිබුණි.

1.6.4 විගණනය සඳහා සාක්ෂි නොවීම

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

විෂයය	මුදල රු.	නොසැපයූ විගණන සාක්ෂි
(අ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල 54 ක පුනරාවර්තන හා මූලධන වියදම	පුනරාවර්තන 6,315,346,016 මූලධන 91,171,076	- විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල 13 කට අදාළ පුනරාවර්තන හා මූලධන ගෙවීම් - වවුචර් ගොනු කිහිපයක වටිනාකම් හැර අනෙකුත් ගෙවීම් වවුචර් ගොනු

(ආ) නොනිම් ගොඩනැගිලි	55,984,547	අයිතිය හා පැවැත්ම තහවුරු කිරීමේ ලේඛන
(ඇ) තැන්පතු	1,452,471,015	ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේ ශේෂයන් සමඟ සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශ
(ඈ) අත්තිකාරම් ලැබීම්	43,380,027	
(ඉ) කාර්යාල ගොඩනැගිලි	9,730,692,636	එක් එක් වත්කමක් වෙන්ව හඳුනාගත හැකි ස්ථාවර වත්කම් ලේඛණය
(ඊ) මගී වාහන	1,055,280,776	
(උ) මිශ්‍ර නාගරික දේපල	1,010,362,062	
(ඌ) නිල නිවාස	317,741,508	
(එ) වාහන අපහරණය	39,119,254	
(ඵ) වත්කම් අත්පත් කර ගැනීම්	63,415,740	

2. මූල්‍ය සමාලෝචනය

2.1 වියදම් කළමනාකරණය

මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 50 (II) ප්‍රකාරව ඇස්තමේන්තු හැකිතාක් දුරට සම්පූර්ණවත්ව නිවැරදිවත්ව පිළියෙල කිරීම ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරියාගේ වගකීම වුවද එසේ කටයුතු නොකිරීම හේතුවෙන් වැය විෂයන් 28 ක් සඳහා ප්‍රතිපාදිත මුදලින් සියයට 51ක සිට සියයට 100 ක් දක්වා පරාසයකින් මුළු වටිනාකම රු. 561,669,027 ක ප්‍රතිපාදන උන උපයෝජනය වී තිබුණි.

2.2 රජයේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ අත්තිකාරම්

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) අත්තිකාරම් "බී" ගිණුම් වාර්ෂික සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශයට අනුව නිලධාරීන් 24 දෙනෙකුගෙන් වැඩිපුර අය කරගන්නා ලද රු. 215,322 ක ශේෂයක් පැවති අතර එම ශේෂය නිරවුල් කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) සේවය හැර ගොස් ඇති නිලධාරීන් 13 දෙනෙකුගෙන් රු. 1,098,606 ක ශේෂයක් අයවිය යුතුව පවතින අතර එම ශේෂය තුළ වර්ෂ 2 ක් වර්ෂ 3 ක් අතර ශේෂය රු. 435,660 ක්ද,



වර්ෂ 4 ත් වර්ෂ 5 ත් අතර ශේෂය රු. 127,275 ක් සහ වර්ෂ 5ට වැඩි ණය ශේෂය රු. 535,671 ක් ලෙසද පැවතුණි.

(ඇ) සේවය අවසන් කළ නිලධාරීන් 5 දෙනෙකුට අදාළව රු. 299,955 ක ණය ශේෂයක් වර්ෂ 05 කට වඩා වැඩි කාලයක සිට පැවත එන අතර එය අයකර ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ඈ) වැඩ තහනම් කළ නිලධාරීන් දෙදෙනෙකුගෙන් රු. 130,551 ක මුදලක් අයවිය යුතුව පැවති අතර එම මුදල අය කර ගැනීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

2.3 බැරකම් හා බැඳීම් වලට එළඹීම

මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සමඟ ඉදිරිපත් කර ඇති සටහන් අංක iii යටතේ වන බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් ප්‍රකාශය, භාණ්ඩාගාරය විසින් එක් එක් වියදම් ශීර්ෂවලට නිකුත් කරනු ලබන බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් ප්‍රකාශය (SA - 92) සමඟ සැසඳී තිබිය යුතු වුවද බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් ප්‍රකාශ සටහන් අංක iii යටතේ රු. 115,320,800 ක් දක්වා තිබූ අතර SA - 92 අනුව එම ශේෂය රු. 250,194,868 ක් විය.

2.4 නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට අනුකූල නොවීම

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

නීති රීති, රෙගුලාසි හෝ
 විධිවිධානවලට යොමුව

විස්තරය

(අ) ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික
 සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආයතන
 සංග්‍රහය

xix පරිච්ඡේදයේ 8.1, 8.2 රජයේ නිවාසවල විදුලි උපකරණ පිළිබඳ
 වගන්තීන් ඉන්වෙන්ට්‍රියක්ද, නිවාසයේ නඩත්තුව පිළිබඳ වගකීම
 පැවරී ඇති බලධරයන් අනෙකුත් උපකරණ හා

සවිකිරීම් යනාදිය පිළිබඳ ඉන්වෙන්ට්‍රියක්ද තබා ගත යුතු වුවත් විදේශ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ රජයේ නිවාස වලට අදාළව එවැනි ලේඛන පවත්වා ගෙන ගොස් නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ මුදල් රෙගුලාසි සංග්‍රහය

(i). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 104

වර්ෂ 01ක සිට වර්ෂ 10 ක් දක්වා කාල පරාසයක් ගත වී තිබුණු රු. 3,990,669 ක් වූ වාහන අනතුරු 13ක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් හා 2010 වර්ෂයේදී සිදුව තිබූ රු. 1,991,695 ක් වූ වාහන සොරකම් කිරීම් සම්බන්ධයෙන් රෙගුලාසි ප්‍රකාරව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ii). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 104 (i)

පාඩුවක් හෝ අලාභයක් හෝ සිදු වූ වහාම එහි ප්‍රමාණය හා හේතු නිශ්චය වශයෙන් දැන ගැනීමත්, එයට වගකිව යුත්තන් නිශ්චය කිරීම සඳහාත් පරීක්ෂණ පැවැත්විය යුතු වුවත් වර්ෂ 01ක සිට වර්ෂ 05ක් දක්වා කාල පරාසයක් තුළ විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල 05 කට අදාළව රු. 403,777 ක භාණ්ඩ නැතිවීම් සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(iii). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 106

ලාභනාමයක්, අයථා පරිහරණයක් හෝ වෙනත් කරුණක් නිසා මුදල් නැතිවූ විටක ඒ නැති වූ මුදල වහාම පූරණය කළ යුතු වුවත් වර්ෂ 09ක සිට වර්ෂ 15ක් දක්වා කාල පරාසයක් තුළ විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල 5 කට අදාළව මුදල් නැතිවීම් රු. 17,201,664 ක් පැවති අතර ඉන් රු. 16,141,919 ක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් ගත් නෛතික ක්‍රියාමාර්ග අවසන් වී නොතිබුණු අතර



ඉතිරිය සම්බන්ධයෙන් රෙගුලාසි ප්‍රකාරව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(iv). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 371

අතුරු අග්‍රිමයන් එය දෙන කාර්යය නිමකළ විගසම පියවිය යුතු වුවත් විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල 12 කට අදාළව දෙන ලද නොපියවූ අත්තිකාරම් එකතුව රු. 1,804,674 ක් වර්ෂ 7 ක සිට වර්ෂ 28 ක් දක්වා කාල පරාසයක් ගත වී තිබුණි.

(v). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 565(5)

එක් එක් මාසය සඳහා පිළියෙල කළ මාසික තැන්පතු සාරාංශ ප්‍රකාශයක් ඊළඟ මාසය අවසන් වීමට පෙර විගණකාධිපති වෙත යැවිය යුතු වුවත් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(vi). මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 571

තැන්පත් කළ දින සිට වර්ෂ 2ක් යනතුරුත් හිමිකම් නොපාන ලද තැන්පතු රාජ්‍ය ආදායමට ගත යුතු වුවත් අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් රු. 32,601,682 ක් වූ තැන්පතු සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ඇ) 2015 ඔක්තෝම්බර් 09 දිනැති අංක PFD/RED/2015/08 පොදු (i) දරන රාජ්‍ය මුදල් දෙපාර්තමේන්තු වක්‍රලේඛයෙහි 4.3 (ඉ) (i) හා (ii)

වක්‍රලේඛය ප්‍රකාරව කල් ඉකුත් වූ රාජ්‍ය නිලධාරීන්ගේ අත්තිකාරම් මුදල් අයකර ගැනීමට කටයුතු කළයුතු වුවද එපරිදි අයකර නොගත් වර්ෂ 05 කට වඩා වැඩි කාලයක සිට පැවත එන හඳුනා නොගත් රු. 1,499,176 ක ණය ශේෂයක් පැවතුණි.

(ඇ) 2017 දෙසැම්බර් 29 දිනැති අංක 262/2017 දරන රාජ්‍ය ගිණුම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තු වක්‍රලේඛය

විශ්‍රාම ගනු ලබන හා මිය ගිය නිලධාරීන්ගේ අත්තිකාරම් කඩිනමින් පියවිය යුතු වුවත් මිය ගිය නිලධාරීන් 06 දෙනෙකුගෙන් රු. 465,050 ක ණය ශේෂයක් පැවති අතර ඉන් රු. 273,560 ක ණය ශේෂයක් වර්ෂ 05 ට වඩා වැඩි කාලයක සිට පැවතුණි.

(ඉ) 2006 රජයේ ප්‍රසම්පාදන මාර්ගෝපදේශ සංග්‍රහයේ

අවම වශයෙන් වර්ෂ 3 ක කාලයක් සඳහා අපේක්ෂිත ප්‍රසම්පාදන කටයුතු ලැයිස්තු ගත කරමින් ප්‍රධාන

4.2.1 හා 4.2.2 මාර්ගෝපදේශ ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්මක්ද, සෑම ප්‍රසම්පාදනයක් ආරම්භයේ සිට අවසානය දක්වා වූ එක් එක් ප්‍රසම්පාදන ක්‍රියාවන්හි පියවර කාලක්‍රමානුගතව විස්තර කරන ප්‍රසම්පාදන කාල සටහනක්ද පිළියෙල කර නොතිබුණි.

2.5 අත්තිකාරම් නිකුත් කිරීම හා පියවීම

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) 7002-0-0-035/13 දරන අග්‍රිම ගිණුම

(i). 2013 අග්‍රිම ගිණුම් ශේෂය ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේදී රු. 91,530,099 ක් වූවද සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී එය රු. 89,919,237 ක් වී තිබුණු අතර, වර්ෂය තුළ රු. 1,610,863 ක් එනම් 1.7% ක් වැනි සුළු ප්‍රතිශතයක් පමණක් නිරවුල් කර තිබුණි.

(ii). 2013 වර්ෂයට හා ඊට පෙර කාල පරිච්ඡේදයන්ට අදාළ රු. 89,919,237 ක් වූ අග්‍රිම ශේෂය නොපියවූ අත්තිකාරම්වලින් සමන්විත වී තිබුණි.

- විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල සේවය සඳහා විදේශ ගත වූ කාර්යය මණ්ඩලයට ලබා දෙන නිවාස සඳහා තබන ලද ආරක්ෂිත තැන්පතු 248ක් සඳහා ගෙවූ අත්තිකාරම් රු. 60,051,898 කින් සමන්විත වී තිබුණි. එම නිවාස ඇප / ආරක්ෂිත තැන්පතු 248 න් රු. 478,980 ඇප තැන්පතුව හැර රු. 59,572,918 ක් වූ ඉතිරි නිවාස ඇප තැන්පතු 247 ක්ම මේ වන විට විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල කාර්යය මණ්ඩලය විසින් භාවිතා නොකරන නිවාස සඳහා තබා ඇති ආරක්ෂිත තැන්පතු වී තිබුණි. එම තැන්පතු වටිනාකමින් රු. 12,440,021 ක් වර්ෂ 20 ක් ඉක්මවා තිබුණු අතර රු. 43,292,731 ක් වර්ෂ 10 ක් වර්ෂ 20 ක් අතරද, රු. 3,840,166 ක් වූ ඉතිරිය වර්ෂ 07 ක් ඉක්මවා තිබුණි. එම තැන්පතු අයකර ගැනීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් අමාත්‍යාංශයේ විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල පාලන අංශයේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල් විසින් අංක 250 හා 2009 සැප්තැම්බර් 01 දිනැති අභ්‍යන්තර චක්‍රලේඛය මගින් උපදෙස් ලබා දී තිබුණද ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර එම තැන්පතු මුදල් ආපසු ලබා ගැනීමට පියවර ගෙන නොතිබුණි.



- වටිනාකම රු. 29,867,341 ක් වූ තත් කාර්යය අතුරු අග්‍රිම 127 ක් පැවති අතර ඉන් රු. 699,358 ක් වර්ෂ 20 ක් ඉක්මවා තිබූ අතර රු. 12,840,889 ක් වර්ෂ 10-20 ක් අතරද ඉතිරි රු. 16,327,094 ක් වර්ෂ 07 ඉක්මවා තිබුණි. මු.රෙ. 371 ප්‍රකාරව තත් කාර්යය අතුරු අග්‍රිම එම කාර්යය නිම කළ වහාම පියවිය යුතු නමුත් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි. තවද මෙම අත්තිකාරම්වලින් 72 ක් කුමන කරුණක් සඳහා ලබා දී ඇතිද යන්න තහවරු කර ගැනීමට නොහැකි වුණි.

(ආ). 7002-0-0-035/21 දරන අග්‍රිම ගිණුම

- (i). සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ අග්‍රිම ගිණුම් ශේෂය තුළ රු. 344,210,756 ක් විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල සේවය සඳහා විදේශ ගත වූ කාර්යය මණ්ඩලයට ලබා දෙන නිවාස සඳහා තබන ලද ආරක්ෂිත තැන්පතු වී තිබුණි. එම ආරක්ෂිත තැන්පතු වලින් රු. 19,536,652 ක් දූත මණ්ඩල කාර්යය මණ්ඩල පදිංචි වී නොමැති නිවාස සඳහා තබා තිබුණු තැන්පතු 46 කට අදාළ වී තිබුණි. එම වටිනාකමින් රු. 3,020,376 ක් වර්ෂ 10 ඉක්ම වූ තැන්පතු වටිනාකම් වී තිබූ අතර රු. 16,516,276 ක් වර්ෂ 04-10 ක් අතර කාල පරාසයක් ගත වී තිබූ තැන්පතු විය.
- (ii). දූත මණ්ඩලවල නොපියවූ අත්තිකාරම් තුළ රු. 21,024,362 ක් වූ තත්කාර්යය අතුරු අග්‍රිම වූ අතර ඒ තුළ 2018 වර්ෂයට පෙර කාලයට අදාළ රු. 3,931,910 ක් ද 2019 වර්ෂයට අදාළ රු. 2,433,646 ක් හා 2020 වර්ෂයට අදාළ රු. 4,272,499 ක් ද විය. එම තත්කාර්යය අතුරු අග්‍රිම සම්බන්ධයෙන් මු.රෙ. 371 හි සඳහන් කොන්දේසි ප්‍රකාරව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

2.6 බැංකු ගිණුම් මෙහෙයවීම

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) තැන්පත් කළ නමුත් බැර නොකළ චෙක්පත්

කැන්බරා දූත මණ්ඩලයෙහි ඕ . ඩො 402 ක් වටිනා චෙක්පත් 03 ක් සහ බර්ලින් දූත මණ්ඩලයෙහි යුරෝ 110 ක් වටිනා චෙක්පතක්ද 2010 වර්ෂයේ සිට 2017 වර්ෂය දක්වා

කාල පරාසය තුළ තැන්පත් කළ නමුත් සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ අවසන් දින වන විටත් උපලබ්ධි වී නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) මුදල් වංචා / සොරකම් කිරීම්

ලොස්ඇන්ජලිස් දූත මණ්ඩලයෙහි 2011 වර්ෂයේදී සොරකම් කරන ලද ඇ. ඩො 1583 ක් සහ මොස්කව් දූත මණ්ඩලයෙහි 2002 වර්ෂයේදී ඇ. ඩො 2003 වර්ෂයන්හිදී තැන්පත් නොකරන ලද මුදල් ලෙස ඇ.ඩො 155 ක් බැංකු සැසඳුම් ප්‍රකාශන තුළ පැවතියද ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගෙන නොතිබුණි.

3. මෙහෙයුම් සමාලෝචනය

3.1 කාර්යසාධනය

3.1.1 අපේක්ෂිත ප්‍රතිලාභ (Out Come)ලබා නොගැනීම.

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

(අ) විදේශ කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශය මගින් මහජනතාවට සලසනු ලබන සේවාවන් වන අ.පො.ස (සා/පෙ.), අ.පො.ස (උ/පෙ.) විභාග සහතික සහ උප්පැන්න, විවාහ, මරණ සහතික කාර්යක්ෂමව සත්‍යාපනය කිරීම පහසු කිරීම සඳහා විද්‍යුත් ලේඛන සහතික කිරීමේ පද්ධතිය (e - DAS) රෙජිස්ටාර් ජනරාල් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සහ විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සමඟ ඒකාබද්ධ කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබුණද වාර්තාවේ දින වන විටත් එම කටයුතු අවසන් කර නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්මෙහි අමාත්‍යාංශයේ කන්සියුලර් අංශය මගින් සපයන සේවාවන් සඳහා අය කරන ගාස්තු සංශෝධනය කර ගැසට් පත්‍රයක් පළ කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබුණද එය ඉටු කර නොතිබුණි.



3.2 වත්කම් කළමනාකරණය

අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් කොළඹ 08, ඇල්විටිගල මාවත, 117 වත්ත මහල් නිවාස සංකීර්ණයේ නිවාස ඒකක 20 ක් මිලදී ගැනීම වෙනුවෙන් ජාතික නිවාස සංවර්ධන අධිකාරිය වෙත රු. 70,638,545 ක මුදලක් ගෙවා තිබුණද ඉන් නිවාස ඒකක 17 ක් වෙනුවෙන් හිමිකම් ඔප්පු ලබා ගැනීමට විගණන දිනය වන විටත් කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

3.3 පාඩු හා හානි

සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සමඟ විගණනයට ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද පාඩු හා අත්හැරීම් පිළිබඳ ප්‍රකාශයේ වැඩසටහන් අංක 02 යටතේ විදේශයන්හි පිහිටි ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ දූත මණ්ඩලයන්හි සිද්ධීන් 55 කට අදාළව තවදුරටත් අයකර ගැනීමට හෝ කපාහැරීමට හෝ අත්හැරීමට ඇති රු. 29,185,385 ක පාඩු සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබූ කාල විශ්ලේෂණය අනුව එම වටිනාකමින් රු. 2,254,421 ක් වර්ෂ 10 ඉක්මවා තිබුණු අතර රු. 21,626,285 ක් වර්ෂ 05 ත් වර්ෂ 10 ත් අතර කාල පරාසයක පවතින බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

3.4 කළමනාකරණ දුර්වලතා

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

- (අ) විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩල පවතින ඕස්ට්‍රේලියාව, ස්වීඩනය හා කෙන්යාව යන රටවල ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජයට අයත් ගොඩනැගිලි පැවතියද ඒවා ප්‍රශස්ථ අන්දමින් උපයෝජනය කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ආ) විදේශ තානාපති කාර්යාල සඳහා කාර්යය මණ්ඩල පත් කිරීමේදී එක් එක් රටවල් අනුව අදාළ කර ගන්නා විධිමත් නිර්ණායක විශ්ලේෂණය කර වාර්තාවක් ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලෙස 2018 අගෝස්තු මස 07 දින පැවති රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභා නියෝග අංක 07 මගින් නියම කර තිබුණද සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය අවසානය දක්වාම එම වාර්තාව ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

3.5 සේවක මණ්ඩල කළමනාකරණය

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් කරනු ලැබේ.

- (අ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය අවසාන වන විට ද්විතියික මට්ටමට අයත් අනුමත සේවක සංඛ්‍යාව 369 තුළ ඇතුළත් සංවර්ධන නිලධාරීන් හා කළමනාකරණ සේවා නිලධාරීන් පිළිවෙලින් 74ක් හා 169 ක් වුවද තථ්‍ය සංඛ්‍යාව පිළිවෙලින් 86 ක් හා 207 ක් වූයෙන් අතිරික්තය 12 ක් හා 38 ක් විය.

(ආ) 2009 පෙබරවාරි 20 දිනැති අංක 1589/30 අති විශේෂ ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ රාජ්‍ය සේවා කොමිෂන් සභා කාර්යය පටිපාටික රීති සංග්‍රහයේ xiii වැනි පරිච්ඡේදයේ 154 වගන්තිය අනුව රාජ්‍ය සේවයෙන් විශ්‍රාම ලත් තැනැත්තෙක් නැවත රජයේ සේවයෙහි යෙදවීමේ බලය රාජ්‍ය සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාව වෙත පමණක් පැවරෙන බවත් එහි 157 වගන්තිය අනුව රජයේ සේවයෙන් විශ්‍රාම ලත් තැනැත්තෙක් නැවත සේවයේ යෙදවිය හැක්කේ කොන්ත්‍රාත් පදනම මත පමණක් වන බවත් එවැනි පත්කිරීමක් එක් අවස්ථාවකදී එක් අවුරුද්දක කාල පරිච්ඡේදයකට සීමා කළ යුතු වුවද ටොරෙන්ටෝ විදේශ දූත මණ්ඩලයේ සියරට පේරුවේ පෞද්ගලික සහකාර තනතුර සඳහා 2019 අගෝස්තු 28 දින විශ්‍රාම ලත් නිලධාරියක 2019 සැප්තැම්බර් 01 දින සිට වසර 03 ක කාලයක් බලපැවැත්වෙන පරිදි රාජ්‍ය සේවා කොමිෂන් සභාවේ අනුමැතිය ලබාගැනීමෙන් තොරව පත් කර තිබුණි.

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