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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations &c., by the President

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE



MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA.

ESTABLISHMENT of a Special Agency by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in the exercise of powers vested in him by Article 33 of the Constitution of the said Republic, to formulate a programme of administrative reforms in the public sector and to direct its implementation.

1. Secretary to the President
2. Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning or a Deputy Secretary to the Treasury as his representative.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils.
5. Lionel Fernando Esquire, Co-Chairman of the National Salaries and Cadres Commission
6. Chairman, Information and Communication Technology Agency
7. Dharmasena Wijesinghe Esquire
8. Lloyd Fernando Esquire
9. Gunapala Nanayakkara Esquire
10. Dhammike Amarasinghe Esquire
11. Deepal Suriyaarachchi Esquire
12. Director General, National Administrative Reforms Council
13. Mahinda Bandusena Esquire

GREETINGS :

WHEREAS the government is desirous of modernizing and upgrading its administrative machinery in order that it becomes an effective and efficient instrument of delivering public services, formulating and implementing social and economic development programmes, and facilitating the contribution of other sectors of society and the economy to national development ;

And Whereas the government is desirous of establishing a National Administrative Reforms Council (hereinafter referred to as 'Council') to perform the duties relevant to the said task, under its general direction and more particularly to :

- I. Review the administrative and management structures in the public sector, on a continuing basis, with a view to instituting any reforms that may be necessary to ensure that the entire administrative and management machinery of government is objective driven and is cost effective,
- II. Review the human resources management and human resources development systems in government, on a continuing basis, with the objective of upgrading the quality of personnel who man all strata of the public service,
- III. Review the work processes in government organizations, on a continuing basis, and introduce necessary changes to ensure that government work is carried out efficiently, effectively and in a people friendly manner, with modern technology being used where necessary and appropriate,
- IV. Examine any other aspects of government organizations that may be relevant to the objective of administrative and management improvement and modernization,
- V. Formulate and direct the implementation in all government organizations, of all reform measures that may be necessary in the light of I to IV above,
- VI. Monitor the progress of such implementation and report to government from time to time ;

And Whereas, I am of the view that pending the establishment of such a Council through statute, the performance of duties and responsibilities to be entrusted to that Council as identified above should commence immediately in the public interest.

Now, therefore, I Mahinda Rajapaksa in pursuance of the provisions of Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka do hereby create the National Administrative Reforms Council to undertake and execute the said duties and responsibilities.

And reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, to by these presents, appoint you the said ;

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as the members of the National Administrative Reforms Council and direct you to take all steps as may be necessary to proceed with the implementation of the tasks setout at (I) to (VI) above.

And I, further appoint Secretary to the President as Chairman of the National Administrative Reforms Council and Director General of the National Administrative Reforms Council as Secretary to the Council.

And I, do hereby authorize the National Administrative Reforms Council to issue directions, make inquiries and investigate matters as may be necessary in relation to the carrying out of the tasks it is hereby entrusted with ;

And I, do hereby require and direct all public officers and such other persons to whom the National Administrative Reforms Council may issue directions or apply for assistance or for information, to comply with such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be complied with rendered and furnished, in that behalf.

Given at Colombo under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 5th day of March in the year Two Thousand Seven.

By His Excellency's command,

LALITH WEERATHUNGA,
Secretary to the President.

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