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CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT)

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to amend the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101)

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 205 of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) and the legal effect of this section as amended is to provide for-

- (a) the issuance of one certified copy of the judgement or final decree of an action to each party free of charge, where the respective parties to such action apply for the same; and
- (b) the recognition of a document issued or transmitted by a court electronically, as signed and sealed documents and the electronic signature of the Registrar, court and other authorized officers.

5 (b) making an application and producing the necessary stamps, examine and certify to the correctness of any such copies made by such person:

10 Provided that, a person other than a party to a matrimonial action, an adoption application or a custody application shall not be entitled to obtain certified copies of any proceedings or documents of such action or application, except the judgement, order or decree thereof:

15 Provided further that, upon being satisfied as to the requirement of an applicant who is not a party to such matrimonial action, adoption application or custody application, the court may direct the Registrar of such court to issue to such applicant, certified copies of the proceedings or documents of such action or application.

20 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 76 of the Evidence Ordinance (Chapter 14) or any other written law, a document issued or transmitted electronically by a court shall be deemed for the purposes of authentication and verification, to have been signed, sealed and dated by court, where such document—

25 (a) if originally created in electronic form, contains the electronic signature and electronic seal of the Registrar or such other officer authorized by law to place the signature together with his name and official title, the electronic seal of the court, and the date; or

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5 (b) if originally created in paper form
and converted into an electronic
copy in portable document format
(PDF) or by similar file converter
technology, contains the signature
and seal of the Registrar or such
other officer authorized by law to
10 place the signature, together with his
name and official title, the seal of
the court, and the date.”

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

