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BAR ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

22nd December 2025

His Excellency Anura Kumara Disanayake
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,
Presidential Secretariat,
Colombo 01.

Your Excellency,

RE: FAILURE TO APPOINT A PERMANENT AUDITOR GENERAL

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) wishes to express its deep concern regarding the prolonged failure to appoint a permanent Auditor General following the retirement of the former Auditor General in April 2025. For a period exceeding ten months, this crucial office has remained vacant.

The Office of Auditor General, established under Article 153(1) of the Constitution, is of paramount importance for the functioning of all State Institutions and other entities as provided in Article 154 of the Constitution. The absence of a permanent Auditor General has serious implications for the effective functioning of the National Audit Office and for the accountability of State Institutions and other entities mandated under the Constitution.

The urgency of this appointment is heightened by the present circumstances. Sri Lanka is emerging from a financial crisis with the support of the Extended Fund Facility of the International Monetary Fund and other international agencies. In addition, the country is currently receiving foreign financial assistance in response to the disaster situation caused by Cyclone *Ditwah*. In this context, financial accountability and transparency of State Institutions are of paramount importance.

The BASL also notes that the person nominated thus far by Your Excellency for the post of Auditor General has not gained the acceptance of the majority of the Constitutional Council. It is therefore imperative that a candidate of proven competence, integrity, and independence—who commands wide acceptance within the Constitutional Council—is appointed, rather than a partisan figure. Such an appointment will strengthen confidence in the National Audit Office and ensure that the constitutional mandate of the Auditor General is fulfilled without compromise.

As an institution committed to upholding accountability and transparency in governance, the BASL respectfully urges Your Excellency to take immediate steps to appoint a permanent Auditor General under and in terms of Article 153(1) of the Constitution. This appointment is essential to safeguard the integrity of the National Audit Office and the confidence of both citizens and international partners in the financial governance of the State.

Yours faithfully,

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