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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GREEN MOVEMENT OF
SRI LANKA

WHEREAS an organisation called and known as the “Green Movement of Sri Lanka” has heretofore been formed for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said organisation by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said organisation has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Green Movement of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 59 of 2007.

Short Title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Green Movement of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as “the Organisation”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the corporation hereby constituted shall be and become a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) with perpetual succession, under the name and style of “Green Movement of Sri Lanka” and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its discretion.

Incorporation of the Green Movement of Sri Lanka.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is established are—

General objects of the Corporation.

(a) to give necessary instructions for the transformation of the traditional protective agricultural livelihood to conform to the modern needs ;

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- (b) to organise the relevant programmes for the sound management of the environment, in a manner conducive to strengthening the life of the public ;
- (c) to act in the manner of a network with organizations of the people at local, district and national levels in order to solicit maximum peoples participation ;
- (d) to identify issues, problems and solutions in regard to building an environmental friendly agricultural livelihood, to organize workshops, seminars, debates and discussions and to document data and information obtained through them ;
- (e) to organise training programmes in order to make the public aware of new concepts, skills and knowledge ;
- (f) to establish field centres and farms containing research material, experimental records, illustrations and information in different climatic geographical zones in Sri Lanka in confirmation with the people's tendencies, needs and beliefs ;
- (g) to provide incentives with regard to the improvement of the production, to establish an environmental friendly agricultural and industrial foundation so as to preserve the health and hygiene of the people ;
- (h) to assist the people engaged in the domestic subsistence sector and the export agricultural sector, and to improve productivity in such sectors ;
- (i) to undertake the management of land development and agricultural activities ;
- (j) to assist and encourage, rural small industries and the generation of self employment ;

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- (k) conservation, protection and propagation of indigenous plants and trees required for sustainable development and protection of the environment.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to — **Powers of the Corporation.**

- (a) open, operate and close bank accounts ;
- (b) borrow or raise money with or without security, and to receive or collect grants and donations ;
- (c) invest any funds not immediately required for the purposes of the Corporation ;
- (d) appoint, employ, and dismiss the employees required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation and pay them such remuneration as may be determined by the Corporation.

5. (1) The Management, Control and administration of the affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made under section 7 be administered by a Working Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, two Joint Secretaries and the Treasurer. **Management of the affairs of the Corporation.**

(2) The President shall preside at every meeting of the Working Committee. In the absence of the President from any meeting of the Working Committee, the Vice-President shall preside at such meeting.

(3) No act or proceeding of the Working Committee shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence of a vacancy among its' members or any defect in the election or nomination of a member thereof.

(4) The first working Committee of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Working Committee of the Green Movement of Sri Lanka, holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

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Operational
Committee.

6. There shall be an operational committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice President, Two Joint Secretaries, the Treasurer and five representatives from the member Organizations.

Rules of the
Corporation.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law, on all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) the classification of membership and the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members ;
- (b) the election of the office-bearers, the resignation from, or vacation of, removal from, office of office-bearers and their powers, conduct and duties ;
- (c) the election of the members of the working Committee and its powers, conduct and duties and the terms of office of members of the Working Committee ;
- (d) the powers, conduct, duties and functions of the officers, agents and servants of the Corporation ;
- (e) the procedure to be observed and the summoning and holding of meetings of the Working Committee, the times, places, notices and agenda of such meeting the quorum therefor and the conduct of business thereat ;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts ; and
- (g) Generally, for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

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(2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

8. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all moneys received by way of gifts, testamentary disposition, grant, donation, contribution or fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in one or more banks as may be decided by the Committee of Management.

Fund of the Corporation.

(2) The Corporation may establish a depreciation fund or a sinking fund for the purpose of rehabilitation, development or improvement of the property of the Corporation.

(3) All expenses borne by the Corporation in the exercise and discharge of the powers and functions of the Corporation shall be paid out of the fund.

9. (1) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of all the moneys received and expended by the Corporation.

Accounts and Audit.

(2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited at least once in every year, and the correctness of income and expenditure account and balance sheet shall be certified by an auditor who shall be an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, appointed by the Corporation.

(3) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

10. All debts and liabilities of the Organization existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid by the Corporation, and all debts due to, subscriptions and contributions payable to, the Organization on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Debts due by and payable to the Organization.

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Corporation may hold property movable or immovable.

11. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire and hold any property movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act, and subject to the rules of the Corporation with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Property remaining on dissolution.

12. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation but shall be given or transferred to some other Institution having objects similar to the objects of the Corporation which are by the rules thereof prohibited from distributing any income or profit among their members. The institution shall be determined by the members of the Corporation at or immediately before the dissolution of the Corporation.

Seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

13. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the President and the Secretary or the Treasurer who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Limitation of liability of members.

14. No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount of such membership fees as may be due from him to the Corporation.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

15. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

16. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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