



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SRI LANKA**

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BILL

**to repeal and replace the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka**

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PREAMBLE

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

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WHEREAS it is the will of the People of Sri Lanka to establish a stable legal order based on a Supreme Law in the form of a Constitution which –

- strengthens institutions of governance;
- assures a wider sharing of power;
- enshrines democratic values, social justice and human rights;
- facilitates economic, social and cultural advancement; and
- promotes peace, ethnic harmony and good governance;

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA

In the exercise of our sovereign legislative power, do hereby give unto ourselves this
CONSTITUTION;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: