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Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
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Hon. Minister,

Copy of Draft Employment Bill

We write to you with reference to our letter dated 26 October 2023 requesting the draft Employment Bill, which we understand your Ministry is currently in the process of formulating and updating. We are yet to receive a response from your Ministry.

We hereby reiterate our request that a copy of the latest version of the draft Bill be shared with the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to enable the Commission to fulfil its mandate in terms of section 10(c) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996. The said provision empowers the Commission to 'advise and assist the government in formulating legislation...in furtherance of the promotion and protection of fundamental rights'.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and engagement on this matter.

Sincerely,

Justice L.T.B. Dehideniya
Judge of the Supreme Court (Retired)
Chairman
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

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