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## Copy of Draft Non-Governmental Organisations (Registration and Supervision) Bill

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) has written on 6 March 2024 to the Director General-National Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organizations requesting Copy of Draft Non-Governmental Organisations (Registration and Supervision) Bill and awaiting a response from the Director General-National Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organizations. The HRCSL understands that the said Bill aims to provide for the registration and supervision of non-governmental organisations and repeal the Voluntary Social Services Organisations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980.

The purpose of the requesting a copy of the latest version of the draft Bill is to enable the Commission to fulfil its mandate in terms of section 10(c) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21of 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'.

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