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Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Hon. Saroja Savithri Paulraj,
Minister of Women and Child Affairs,
Ministry of Women and Child Affairs,
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Honorable Minister,

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) hereby submits its recommendations regarding the ratification by Sri Lanka of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (CRC-OP3).

As the National Human Rights Institution established under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the Commission is statutorily mandated to advise the Government on matters relating to the promotion and protection of human rights, including Sri Lanka's obligations under international human rights law and the ratification of international human rights treaties. In the exercise of this mandate, the HRCSL has carefully examined the relevance and importance of CRC-OP3 as a mechanism that strengthens access to justice and effective remedies for children whose rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child have been violated.

The enclosed recommendations outline the HRCSL's assessment of the benefits of CRC-OP3, its compatibility with Sri Lanka's existing legal and institutional framework, and the positive contribution its ratification would make towards strengthening national child protection mechanisms, accountability, and remedies. The Commission is of the view that ratification of CRC-OP3 would further reinforce Sri Lanka's commitment to international child rights standards and to ensuring effective remedies for violations of child rights.

In light of the above, and in accordance with its advisory mandate, the HRCSL recommends that the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs take the necessary steps to support and facilitate the ratification of CRC-OP3 by Sri Lanka.

The Commission remains available to provide any further clarification, technical input, or assistance that may be required in this regard.

Justice L.T. B. Dehideniya
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