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**ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
OF CRIME AND WITNESSES (AMENDMENT)
ACT, No. 27 OF 2017**

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and Witnesses (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 2017*

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L. D.—O. 48/2016.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASSISTANCE TO AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
OF CRIME AND WITNESSES ACT, NO. 4 OF 2015

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Assistance to and
Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment)
Act, No. 27 of 2017.

Short title.

2. Section 31 of the Assistance to and Protection of
Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015 is hereby
amended as follows:—

Amendment of
section 31 of
Act, No. 4 of
2015.

- (1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the
substitution for the words “within Sri Lanka,” , of
the words “within or outside Sri Lanka,”;
- (2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1)
of that section, of the following new subsection:—

“(1A) Where any evidence or statement of any
victim of crime or witness is to be recorded from
any remote location outside Sri Lanka under
subsection (1), it shall be recorded at the Sri Lankan
diplomatic mission in the country from where such
victim of crime or witness seeks to testify or make
the statement.”; and

- (3) by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and
the substitution therefor, of the following
subsection:—

“(4) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) “Court” means a Court before which
any criminal proceedings are being
conducted; and

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(b) “public officer” includes an officer
serving in the Sri Lanka Foreign
Service.”.

Sinhala text to
prevail in case
of inconsistency.

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

