

GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN

N O.	REFORM COMMITMENT	INSTITUTION RESPONSIBLE	IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS / KEY MILESTONES	COMPLETION DATE
1	In line with requirements under the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, the Constitutional Council will develop rules for appointing CIABOC Commissioners that will establish an open and transparent process to ensure selected candidates meet the highest levels of professionalism, ethical conduct, and integrity. These rules will be published in the Gazette.	Constitutional Council	Completed	December, 2023
2	Publication of asset declarations for senior officials (President, Prime Minister, Ministers) on a designated website in line with Anticorruption Law.	CIABOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create and operationalize the centralized electronic system for the AD system (as per sec 82) before the submission period begins. The system needs to be able to generate a redacted version of ADs as per sec 88. - Draft a circular elaborating the submission process (completed) Define in regulations or as part of the circular the type of officials required to submit ADs - Develop the asset declaration form template to be used by public officials. - Publish the template on the centralized electronic system for the public to consult. - As per the ACA (sec 82), submission period is 31.03.2024 - 30.06.2024 	June, 2025

3	Enact proceeds of crime legislation that is fully aligned with UNCAC and FATF standards.	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of the Report of the Committee to develop the Policy and Legal Framework of the proposed Law on Proceeds of Crime by end February - Preparation of Final Draft by the Legal Draftsman by mid-March - Issuance of Certificate of Constitutionality for the Final Draft by end March - Submission for Cabinet approval and gazetting by end-March - Presenting the Bill for Parliamentary approval by April 	April, 2024
4	Finalise and implement regulations to support the provision of beneficial ownership information as required by the Companies Act and establish a public beneficial ownership registry.	Ministry of Industries Department of Registrar of Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting and Submission of Regulations to Cabinet and Parliament - Development of eRoC online system accordingly - Conducting awareness programs for the stakeholders, company secretaries, directors, and shareholders - Maintenance of beneficial ownership information and registry 	September, 2024
5	Enact a Public Procurement Law that reflects international good practice.	Ministry of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Procurement Commission (NPC) has already initialized drafting of the Procurement Law with ADB assistance. - NPC has confirmed two local consultants have been already hired and another foreign consultant to be hired with ADB assistance to draft the law. - Plan is to have the first draft ready by end June, 2024 and subsequent to stakeholder consultations and LD/AG clearance to submit the draft Bill to Parliament by 31st December, 2024 as agreed with IMF. 	December, 2024

6	Publish report on a designated website on progress in increasing the proportion of competitive tendered procurement contracts in the 10 agencies determined to have the lowest level of competitive tenders in 2022.	Ministry of Finance	Action has been already taken to identify 10 agencies with lowest competitive tenders with the value of annual procurement in excess of Rs. 1 Billion. IMF Technical assistance is sought to decide on the information that has to be published in the MOF website.	December 2024
7	Publish on a designated website: (i) all public procurement contracts above LKR 1 billion, along with comprehensive information in a searchable format on contract award winners; (ii) a list of all firms receiving tax exemptions through the Board of Investment and the SDP, and an estimation of the value of the tax exemption; and (iii) a list of firms receiving tax exemptions on luxury vehicle import. Information to be updated every 6 months.	Ministry of Finance	Completed (i) Published. Link: https://promise.lk/?p=public_cont&a=view_proc_awarded_public (ii) Published. Link: https://www.treasury.gov.lk/web/tax-certificates-issued-under-boi Note: As per Section 100 of the Inland Revenue Act, firm-wise tax expenditure data cannot be published. (iii) Published. Link: https://www.treasury.gov.lk/web/luxury-tax-exemptions	Link to (i) to (iii) already Published. Semi-annual update will be done (i) to (iii). Tax expenditure on Corporate Income Tax will be made available on an annual basis.
8	Implement the SOE Reform Policy, ensuring that the holding company (HoCo) and the advisory committee are comprised of skilled, independent, and ethical staff.	Ministry of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOE Reform Policy approved by Cabinet in May 2023 - Public Commercial Business (PCB) Act drafted and awaiting Parliamentary approval - Registration of HoCo and appointment of its Advisory Committee and Board of Directors to take place once PCB Law has been approved 	May, 2024
9	Abolish or suspend application of the Strategic Development Projects Act until promulgation of explicit and transparent process for evaluation of proposals and costing of investment promotion conditions.	Board of Investments (BOI) Office of the President	No further exemptions will be granted under the SDP Act.	Until promulgation of new provisions

10	Amend tax legislation to eliminate or restrict ministerial authority to introduce tax changes without prior parliamentary approval and ensure that such changes do not generate revenue losses	Ministry of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The government has already initiated a new National Tariff Policy (NTP) which will outline the way forward on border taxes including CID, SCL and other measures which are subject to ministerial authority. - Following the approval of the NTP by the Cabinet, MoF will review the legislation pertaining to these measures. - Provisions enabling unfettered ministerial authority will be reviewed during this process with a view to introducing checks and balances which strike a balance between appropriate consultation, prevention of market manipulation, ensuring revenue protection, and reducing corruption vulnerabilities. 	Continuous
11	Revise legislation, regulations, and process relating to financial sector oversight in the banking sector, including strengthening corporate governance for banks with government ownership by improving the selection of executives and Board members.	Central Bank of Sri Lanka	Enactment of the Banking Act to include inter alia provisions to strengthen corporate governance in the banking sector, including the assessment of fitness and propriety of directors, CEO's and Key Management Personnel.	March, 2024 (Enactment of the Banking Act)
12	Establish an on-line digital land registry, and publish, on a designated website, report on progress in implementing published Plan for registering/titling all state land.	Ministry of Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title Registration: Preparing BPR/SRS report, selecting vendor, implementation - Land Registration: Implementation of eLand System, maintenance 	December, 2024

13	Establish and implement a plan to expand the resources and skills available to the Judicial Services Commission in order to enhance their ability to carry out their function and define potential options for modifying governance arrangements in the Justice sector to strengthen oversight, monitoring, and proper sector development.	Judicial Service Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a separate unit to collect and update court statistics. - Increase number of courts to ensure speedy disposal of cases. - Introduce case management and court management to all courts. - Establish separate units to attend to public petitions and disciplinary matters. - Introduce a digital solution to ensure all judgements are uploaded into a system. - Constant supervision of the functioning of courts. - Establish separate units to attend to the functions of High Courts, District and Magistrates Courts, Labour Tribunals. - Establish an Audit Unit to attend to case audits, production audits, etc. - Attend to HR management of courts staff through an automated system. - Attend to complaints against staff expeditiously. - Hold recruitment examinations continuously. - Attend to general staff administration matters expeditiously. - Establish a prosecution arm to attend to the prosecution of disciplinary matters - Develop a database of all disciplinary matters - Evaluate the performance of Quazis. 	December, 2024
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14	Amend the National Audit Act to enable the Auditor General to levy surcharges on officers, including chief accounting officers, for failure to properly discharge responsibility for oversight and accountability for use of public resources	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convening a meeting between Ministry of Finance and Auditor General's Department, Attorney General's Department, Presidential Secretariat, and Inspector General of Police (12th of Feb) - Proposals of amendments made by Auditor General - Seeking approval of Presidential Secretariat on cabinet policy paper - Granting of draft amendment approval by Cabinet - Drafting of amendments by Legal Draftsman's Department - Review and certification of amendments by Attorney General - Gazetting of amendments - Presenting Amendments to Parliament for approval 	December, 2024
15	Update and publish the Action plan on an annual basis	Responsible government agencies coordinated by President's Office	Ongoing	every February on annual basis