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The Need to Intervene in Order to Overcome the Current Social, Economic and Political Crisis

It is indeed unfortunate that we have to address you in this manner as the professional association that represents one of the most prominent segments of the Public Service in the country.

It is our belief that the Public Service and the civil society, led by the political leadership, are responsible in different lengths for the worst social, economic and political crisis ever to take place in the country, which we are currently facing. However, we stand with the society's opinion that the political leadership that has steered the country so far, is the most responsible party with respect to the present situation.

We strongly believe that the following actions taken by the political authority for the purpose of gaining and retaining power, have contributed in shoving the country to this catastrophic state:

- Misusing the Constitution
- Disrespecting the rule of law
- Governing the country without establishing stable National Policies
- Mismanaging the income and the expenses of public finance
- Enabling expenditure of capital without identifying the priorities in development
- Acting against the fundamentals of Good Governance
- Allowing the followers to engage in fraud and corruption
- Politicizing the Public Service and not building an atmosphere for an independent Public Service
- Appointing officers to Government and Semi-Government Institutes under political influence
- Following a costly election system that restricts intelligent individuals with practical experience becoming a part of the Legislative
- Bearing a high expenditure to maintain Members of Parliament, members of Provincial Councils, and members of Local Government
- Prioritizing the Service Sector without creating an Industrialized Economy

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The irresponsible, personal need-driven, power-hungry behaviour of the political authority led by you, even at a time when a strong public opinion against the present system has been created amongst the people, has led to the citizens of this country completely losing faith in the Legislative.

Misuse of public property by the politicians for their personal wellbeing, engaging in fraudulent transactions, and appointing corrupt officers to key positions in the country during this critical period is intensifying the current catastrophic situation.

We are quite displeased with the fact that the short-term proposals to rebuild the state mechanism compiled by our Officers through hard work and thorough examination, has not been given any consideration. The political authority thus continues to govern the country adhering to traditional methods and procedures. For instance, our proposals for the amendments to the Constitution which included several articles in the 19th Amendment including, creating a balance between the Legislative and the Executive, making the Public Service independent, establishing a Policy Council to enact a stable National Policy, have not been given any consideration.

As a result of the disregard for the collective proposal for an All-Party Government until it's time for an election, as suggested by our association, religious leaders, intellectuals and civil societies, the country is slowly descending to a state of anarchy. We also observe that the instability of the government, lack of mutual agreement among the ones in power, and, failure to obtain the support of the international community have contributed to the delay in processing the agreement with the International Monetary Fund. The political authority must understand that the continuously growing economic crisis will eventually fail the Public Service entirely.

We hereby declare that the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association will only support a system that governs the country through a stable mechanism, along with a government acceptable nationally and internationally, which forbids bribery and corruption, and establishes an independent Public Service.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association,

Padula Sri Rohana de Silva Hon. President

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