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Protection of the Rights of elders Act, No.9 of 2000

13. Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of section 12, the other functions of the Council shall be as follows: -

- (a) to advise the Government on the promotion of the welfare and the rights of elders;
- (b) to recommend programmes to the Government and the other appropriate bodies, to strengthen the family unit based on the traditional values of Sri Lanka;
- (c) to take all such measures as are necessary, in consultation with the relevant Ministries, Provincial Authorities, Local Authorities, Districts and Divisional Secretariats, religious institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and private sector organizations, to promote and protect the welfare and rights of elders;
- (d) to organize lectures, seminars, workshops and other programmes in schools and other appropriate places with a view to inculcating, in the younger generation, their duties to elders;
- (e) to ensure the adoption of, and compliance with, the relevant international declarations and conventions relating to elders, by the Government of Sri Lanka;
- (f) to maintain accurate and up to date statistics relating to elders;

(g) to promote studies and research with a view to identifying the principal causes of the problems of elders and their needs and aspirations and to promote effective measures for the alleviation or elimination of such causes and for the satisfaction of such needs and aspirations;

(h) to provide due publicity through all appropriate means to the findings of the studies and research

referred to in paragraph (g), in order to make the public aware of the problems, needs and aspirations of elders;

(i) to encourage the establishment of welfare centres, recreation centres, day care centres and other appropriate institutions with accommodation for destitute elders and to provide the necessary facilities

to such centres and institutions;

(j) to monitor and coordinate programmes and schemes initiated and implemented by the Government, voluntary Organizations and bodies of persons, for the upliftment of the status of elders;

(k) to introduce and implement a health insurance benefit scheme for elders;

(l) to provide information in respect of services available for elders;

(m) to maintain a directory of paid and unpaid job opportunities available to elders, for the reference

of elders and to assist elders wherever possible to be gainfully employed;

(n) to maintain a directory of elders according to their talents and expertise for the reference of the public;

(o) to facilitate elders to obtain necessary legal advice and assist elders to seek redress under section 25 of this Act;

(p) to introduce various programmes with a view to preparing the younger generation to confront old age with confidence and courage; and to initiate appropriate Social Security Schemes and encourage the younger generation to subscribe to such schemes.