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The Chairman Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption 36, Malalasekara Mawatha Colombo 7

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Complaint on Judicial Corruption in the Republic of Sri Lanka

I submit a written complaint by way of an affidavit containing credible evidence of judicial corruption concerning the conduct of certain Judges in the Superior Courts, emanating from abuse of judicial office for improper purposes to confer favours to the Executive or for themselves, which falls within the offence of corruption as defined in the Section 70 of the Bribery Act.

Judicial corruption in this country has already put the Government in a very embarrassing situation before the international community, particularly before the United Nations Human Rights Council, compelling the Government of Sri Lanka to concede that people of Sri Lanka have no trust and confidence in the justice system and therefore to cosponsor a resolution (A/HRC/RES/30/1) on 01st Oct 2015, to set up a judicial mechanism with international dimension to try serious crimes committed against humanity.

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka in a press statement issued on 28th Nov 2015 too has affirmed that the existing judicial system in this country has not met the confidence of the people and that it is an undeniable fact that over a period of time the independence and credibility of many of these institutions have suffered, resulting in an erosion of the confidence in the system as a whole.

Therefore, I request the Commission to initiate a credible and independent investigation into this complaint in terms of Section 4 of the Act No 19 of 1994, also aiming at restoring people's trust and confidence in the Justice System in the Republic of Sri Lanka.

If any further clarification is required in this regard please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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