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**STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT, BAR ASSOCIATION  
OF SRI LANKA**

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka is perturbed by the move of the Government to introduce the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution as an "Urgent Bill".

As early as June this year, the Bar Council resolved that Constitutional Amendments should not be presented as "Urgent Bills" and urged the Government to desist from proposing Constitutional Amendments in the form of "Urgent Bills".

This position of the Bar Association was communicated to the Government and given wide publicity as well. We regret to note that despite this, the Government is planning to proceed with the proposed 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution as an "Urgent Bill" to be debated and voted upon on 08.09.2010.

As the professional body representing all Lawyers of this country, we strongly urge the Government not to move this proposed Bill without a fuller public discussion and debate on such an important matter.

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