



Calling for Written Representations from the Public, Political Parties, Organizations and other Interested Parties

Appointed by His Excellency the President vide Extra Ordinary Gazettes No. 2354/06 dated 16. 10. 2023 and No. 2356/29 dated 02. 11. 2023 the 'Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Make Recommendations for Election Law Reforms' shall obtain information, investigate and examine the need to amend the existing electoral laws to suit contemporary social needs by adhering to the principles of good governance and strengthening representative democracy.

Written proposals/opinions are invited for :

increasing the representation of women and youth; reducing the period between the time of declaration of an election and the release of results after conducting such election, providing opportunity for electronic voting; providing facilities for Sri Lankans living overseas to vote at elections; enabling a person to contest elections for both Provincial Council and Parliament and represent both if elected; providing opportunity for postal voting for voters serving in Public Corporations/State Owned Enterprises/Private Sector who are engaged in election related services on election day; not limiting to the proportional representation, propose an appropriate mixed election system reflecting the pluralistic nature of the society; strengthening the multi-party system; reducing the role of money in politics and prevention of policy capture; leadership's accountability to political party members, the role of political parties in strengthening national unity;

as well as :

how political parties and independent groups should use the media; how they should conduct themselves in carrying out public affairs; registering political parties and acting in a manner that is credible and accountable to the public. **Written proposals/opinions are sought from the public, political parties, organizations and other interested parties for the preparation of procedures, rules and regulations.**

- Your responses should be received on or before **15. 12. 2023** by e-mail to sec.coi@presidentsoffice.lk or to the following address of the Secretary to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Make Recommendations for Elections Law Reforms. The words "**Electoral Reforms**" should be indicated on the upper left-hand corner of the cover of the letter.
- As receiving the responses in computer-typed soft copy will facilitate their collation, forwarding the softcopy of the proposals/opinions as an attachment to the e-mail message is highly appreciated.

The contact information mentioned in the above responses and any personal data that may have been included will be treated as confidential.

Secretary

Presidential Commission of Inquiry to
Make Recommendations for Election Law Reforms

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15. 11. 2023