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Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Sri Lanka) Order (Cap. 525 sub. leg. AB)

Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Sri Lanka) Order (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 27)

The Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Sri Lanka) Order (Cap. 525 sub. leg. AB) (the Order) has been made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 4 of the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance (Cap. 525) (the Ordinance). Pursuant to section 1 of the Order and by this Notice, the Secretary for Security appoints 19 February 2011 as the day on which the Order comes into operation.

2. The Order sets out the scope and procedures in relation to the provision of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters applicable between Hong Kong and Sri Lanka, and the modifications to the Ordinance. The Order is made in consequence of the agreement for mutual legal assistance entered into by Hong Kong and Sri Lanka, which was signed on 16 June 2008. The agreement is reproduced in Schedule 1 to the Order, and the modifications are set out in Schedule 2 to the Order.

3. The Order has been scrutinized by a Subcommittee which recommended that the Order be supported. Members may wish to refer to the report of the Subcommittee to the House Committee (LC Paper No. CB(2) 755/08-09) for further information. The Legislative Council approved the Order by resolution under section 4 of the Ordinance on 11 March 2009.

4. The Panel on Security has not been consulted on the Notice.
5. No difficulties have been identified in the legal or drafting aspects of the Notice.

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