

**IN THE SUPREME COURT**  
**OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

*In the matter of a Reference  
under Article 129 of the  
Constitution*

**SC Reference 01/2014**

Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu  
03, Ascot Avenue, Colombo 5

*Intervient Petitioner*

**TO HIS LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THEIR LORDSHIPS THE OTHER  
HONOURABLE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA:**

WHEREAS the instant Petitioner became aware that His Excellency the President has referred two questions and sought the opinion of Your Lordships Court in terms of Article 129(1) of the Constitution

AND WHEREAS I tender herewith a proxy on behalf of the instant Petitioner

AND WHEREAS the instant Petitioner also became aware that Your Lordships' Court has invited written submissions from the members of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka

AND WHEREAS the instant Petitioner has actively participated in proceedings before Your Lordships' Court in matters of Constitutional and Public importance

AND WHEREAS the instant Petitioner, while mindful of the time limit imposed on Your Lordships' Court in respect of the said Opinion sought by His Excellency, respectfully seeks the permission of Your Lordships' Court to be heard, through his Attorney-at-Law, in an oral hearing to be afforded in terms of Article 129(1) of the Constitution, and which has previously been afforded in other matters of similar Constitutional and Public importance, and which hearing may even be held today, or on such other day as Your Lordships may direct

AND WHEREAS it is also respectfully placed on record, for the consideration of Your Lordships' Court, that an extension of time could be sought and obtained by Your Lordships' Court for the giving of the said opinion, as *inter alia*

- a) the incumbent President of Republic has over two years left of his term of office,
- b) there is no urgency in this matter, and certainly no urgency such as would require refusal of an extension of time of upto two weeks,
- c) in view of the Constitutional and Public importance, it is essential that members of the public be granted an oral hearing

I RESPECTFULLY MOVE that Your Lordships' Court be pleased to accept this Motion and the attached proxy, direct that same be filed of record, and grant the instant Petitioner the opportunity to make oral submissions through his Counsel, at proceedings to be held by Your Lordships' Court.

*On this 7th day of November 2014*

**Attorney-Law for the Intervenient Petitioner**