

National Plan of Action for the Implementation of LLRC Recommendations – Responsibilities by Thematic Area (Jan, 2014)

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	Recommendation	Activity	Partner Agencies	KPI	Time Frame	Progress
127	9.277 - Maintain and support current practice of the National Anthem being sung simultaneously in two languages.	1. Examine the implementation of this recommendation vis a vis the current Constitutional provisions, at the PSC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presidential Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of the recommendations of the PSC 		through an effective media campaign.
128	9.281* - Encourage all Government Ministries and other agencies to initiate creative programmes for consensus-building and community harmony falling within the purview of their responsibilities. This must be done in cooperation with civil society groups, so that such exchange programmes can be supported, expanded and broad-based.	1. A Five Year Master Plan to be formulated for the Social Integration Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M/National Lang & Social Integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan to be formulated 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Focus Group Meetings are planned for December 2013 with relevant stakeholders to prepare the master Plan for Social Integration Policy
129	9.283 - Enact and strictly enforce deterrent laws to deal with 'hate speech' relating to ethnicity, religion, and literature.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the adequacy of penal legislation to deal with hate speech. 2. Introduce law reform if necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M/Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of draft legislation to Parliament. 	June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft amendment to the Penal Code, incorporating the section criminalizing "Hate Speech" was re-submitted to the Cabinet for approval to refer to the Legal Draftsman and for the observations of the Attorney General.
130	9.285 - Set aside a separate event on National Day to express solidarity and empathy with all victims of the tragic conflict and pledge our collective commitment to ensure that there should never be such blood-letting in the country again.	1. Continue the present practice of expressing solidarity as one nation and one people and of pledging a collective commitment to non-violence and peace so as to ensure a non-recurrence of the past events that led to the internecine conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presidential Secretariat ○ M/National Languages and Social Integration ○ M/Public Administration & Home Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable peace and harmony amongst all people 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Concept Note incorporating suggestions of members of the Expert Panel has been prepared and sent to the Presidential Secretariat and the M/Public Administration for observations. • Ministry of Public Administration has instructed all District Secretaries to ensure and safeguard the rights and representation of all ethnic groups during national events organised at district and provincial levels. The assistance of M/National Languages and Social Integration is available in this regard. • Action was taken to ensure representation of all ethnic groups in cultural events and in the singing of the national anthem during National Day celebrations held in Trincomalee. District Secretaries reported that this procedure was observed at all National Day celebration events held at district level in other parts of the country.

**Recommendations approved by the Cabinet in July 2013 as an Addendum to the NPoA*



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