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Financial Intelligence Unit

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To: CEOs of All Licensed Banks

Dear Sir/Madam,

Compliance with the Section 2 of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act No. 6 of 2006

In terms of the provisions of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act No. 6 of 2006 (FTRA), the immediate attention of all licensed banks is drawn to the legal requirement on duties of institutions – identification essential to conduct of business of institutions. Section 2 (1) of the FTRA which states as follows:

"No institution shall open, operate or maintain an account, where the holder of such accounts cannot be identified, including any anonymous accounts or any account identified by number only, or any account which to the knowledge of the Institution is being operated in a fictitious or false name"

You are hereby reminded to ensure compliance with the above statutory provisions.

Failure to conform to the above requirement is a punishable offence as prescribed in the relevant provisions of the FTRA.

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully

Sgd Director Financial Intelligence Unit.

Cc : All Compliance Officers of Licensed Bank Mr. Upali de Silva, Secretary General, SLBA

