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STATEMENT BY THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY PHYSICIANS OF SRI LANKA ON REPEALING ARTICLE 365, 365 A OF THE PENAL CODE

The College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka (CCPSL) as the apex professional body for public health in Sri Lanka stands in solidarity with the LGBTQI community of Sri Lanka in the context of the ongoing efforts to repealing Sections 365 and 365 A of the penal code.

Successful repealing is expected to lead to decriminalization of non-heteronormative gender identities. The CCPSL notes that decriminalization of non-heteronormative gender identities is a part of the National STI & HIV Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Health (2018-2022), Sri Lanka and the current finalized National STI & HIV Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Health (2023- 2027).

Decriminalization will increase the access to health care, screening and treatment services and support the principles of equity and equality in the Sri Lankan health system.

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