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Press Release

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the economy with GDP at an all-time low of -10.8% and the productivity of the civil service affected by the lock downs and challenges posed by the pandemic restrictions. Domestic revenue has been badly affected by the pandemic raising issues of sustainability and fiscal management.

The Civil Service has worked hard to support the country in its effort to manage and mitigate the effects of the pandemic. Many initiatives are underway to build a stronger and more vibrant economy. The Civil Service, being the key to good governance and efficient delivery of the services, bears the responsibility to support and accelerate economic recovery.

In consideration of the above and in consultation with the Government, the Special Meeting of the Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 decided to revise the "winter working hours" of the Civil Service. Starting 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021, the working hours for Civil Servants from Mondays to Fridays shall be 9AM to 5PM. There shall be no differentiation in working hours during the summer and winter months.

We look forward to the support of our civil servants by way of this modest contribution to nation building in this hour of need.