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**Motion**

**To Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, M.P.:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) am aware that the Parliament of Sri Lanka approved a Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament on 7 March 2018, and adopted it with effect from 15 April 2018. Accordingly, I wish to submit a complaint to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges regarding Member of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Johnston Fernando’s)* violation of this code.

Specifically, on 16th November 2018, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (violations) *MP Fernando threw a chair and a large book at police officers on the Parliamentary floor*.

These actions, captured by domestic and international media, violated the following sections of the Code of Conduct:

* **30:** The Members shall exercise civility and use appropriate language in political

discourse and specially in Parliamentary debate.

* **31:** No Member shall assault, harass or intimidate any person.
* **32:** Every Member shall act in a manner that is respectful of his fellow Members and the Parliamentary Staff and people of the country with dignity, courtesy and without diminishing the dignity of the Parliament.

Please find attached below documentary evidence to support my complaint, namely pictures of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name*)* *Hon. Fernando MP* engaging in the above-mentioned actions.

I write to you on behalf of fellow citizens, in the hope that as Speaker, you will take steps to ensure violence in Parliament isn’t normalised by whoever is in government. Those who instigate, carry out or consciously act to undermine the Code of Conduct must not be allowed to defile rich parliamentary tradition, a culture and spirit of civil debate, mutual respect and above all, values of decency, dignity and democracy that all Sri Lankans value.

Name of Complainant:

Signature of Complainant: Date:

Name of Countersigning Member of Parliament:

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