

This statement sets out the responsibility of the Directors in relation to the Financial Statements of National Development Bank PLC (the Bank) and the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries (the Group). The Directors are required by relevant statutory provisions to prepare and table at a General Meeting of the Bank, such Financial Statements as may be necessary, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and the Group.

It is also the responsibility of the Directors to ensure that the Bank maintains proper accounting records and to take reasonable steps as far as practical to ensure the accuracy and reliability of accounting records and to prepare Financial Statements using appropriate Accounting Policies applied consistently and supported by reasonable and prudent judgment and estimates in compliance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988 (as amended), the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 and the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange. Changes in the Accounting Policies where applicable and the rationale for the changes have been disclosed in the 'Notes to the Financial Statements'.

Accordingly the Directors confirm that the Financial Statements of the Bank and the Group give a true and fair view of:

- (a) the financial position of the Bank and the Group as at the reporting date; and
- (b) the financial performance of the Bank and the Group for the financial year ended on the reporting date.

The Financial Statements of the Bank and the Group have been certified by the Assistant Vice-President - Finance and Planning and the Group Chief Financial Officer of the Bank, the officers responsible for their preparation, as required by the Companies Act. In addition, the Financial Statements of the Bank and the Group have been signed by two

Directors and the Company Secretary of the Bank on 21 February 2017 as required by the Companies Act and other regulatory requirements. The Directors are also responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records which correctly record and explain the Bank's transactions are maintained and that the Bank's financial position, with reasonable accuracy, at any point of time is determined by the Bank, enabling preparation of the Financial Statements, in accordance with the Act to facilitate proper audit of the Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements for the year 2016, prepared and presented in this Annual Report have been prepared based on new Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS) which came into effect from 1 January 2012 are in agreement with the underlying books of account and are in conformity with the requirements of the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act No. 15 of 1995, Banking Act No. 30 of 1988 and amendments thereto, the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance issued jointly by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC).

In addition, these Financial Statements comply with the prescribed format issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the preparation of annual Financial Statements of Licensed Commercial Banks.

The Directors have been responsible for taking reasonable measures and care to safeguard the assets of the Bank and the Group and to prevent and detect frauds and other irregularities. The Directors have instituted an effective and comprehensive system of internal controls and an effective system of monitoring its effectiveness, internal audit being one of them. The Directors' Statement on Internal Control over Financial Reporting is given on pages

276 and 277 of this Annual Report. The Board has been provided additional assurance on the reliability of the Financial Statements through a process of independent and objective review performed by the Audit Committee. Please refer the Board Audit Committee Report on pages 269 to 271 of this Report.

Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, who were appointed in terms of the Companies Act and in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual General Meeting, have been made available with all records of the Bank including the Financial Statements by the Board of Directors and provided every opportunity to undertake the inspections they considered appropriate all of which they have examined and have expressed their opinion which appears as reported by them on page 284 of this Report.

The Board of Directors accepts responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the Financial Statements presented in this Annual Report. The Directors confirm that in preparing the Financial Statements exhibited on pages 287 to 400 including, appropriate Accounting Policies selected and applied based on the new financial reporting framework on a consistent basis, while reasonable and prudent judgements have been made so that the form and substance of transactions are properly reflected.

The Board of Directors wishes to confirm that, as required by Section 56 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, they have authorized distribution of the dividends paid upon being satisfied that the Bank would satisfy the solvency test after such distributions are made in accordance with Section 57 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 and have obtained in respect of dividends paid, necessary certificates of solvency from the External Auditors.

The Board of Directors also wishes to confirm that, as required by Sections 166 (1) and 167 (1) of the Companies Act, they have prepared this Annual

Report in time and ensured that a copy thereof is sent to every shareholder of the Bank, who have expressed desire to receive a printed copy or to other shareholders a soft copy each in a CD ROM containing the Annual Report within the stipulated period of time as required by the Rule No. 7.5 (a) and (b) of Continuing Listing Requirements of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange. The Directors also wish to confirm that all shareholders have been treated equitably in accordance with the original terms of issue.

Further, the Board of Directors wishes to confirm that the Bank has met all the requirements under Section 07 on Continuing Listing Requirements of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange, where applicable.

The Bank has also complied with the prudential requirements, regulations, laws and internal controls and there were no material non-compliances.

## **COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge, all taxes, duties and levies payable by the Bank and the Group, all contributions, levies and taxes payable on behalf of and in respect of the employees of the Bank and the Group, and all other known statutory dues as were due and payable by the Bank and the Group as at the reporting date have been paid or, where relevant, provided for, except as specified in Note 48 to the Financial Statements on 'Litigation against the Bank' on page 357. The Directors further confirm that after considering the financial position, operating conditions, regulatory and other factors and such matters required to be addressed in the 'Code on Corporate Governance' issued jointly by the CA Sri Lanka and the SEC, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Bank and the Group possesses adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason, we continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements. The Directors are of the view that they have

discharged their responsibilities as set out in this Statement.

By Order of the Board,



**Mrs. Shehani Ranasinghe**  
*Company Secretary*

*21 February 2017*  
*Colombo*