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**DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS****NO. 4202****13 December 2023****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE MARRIAGE BILL, 2023**

The Minister of Home Affairs intends introducing the Marriage Bill, 2023 (the “Bill”) in the National Assembly. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to rationalise the marriage laws pertaining to various types of marriages; to provide for the recognition of marriages; to provide for the requirements for monogamous and polygamous marriages; to provide for designation of marriage officers; to provide for solemnisation of marriages; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Once the Amendment Bill has been tabled in Parliament, a copy can be obtained from:

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