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To,

THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

MATTER FOR 8TH APRIL, 2021

<u>COURT NO.8 ITEM NO.01</u> [CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAGESWAR RAO AND HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINEET SARAN]

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 14508-14510 OF 2020 IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF KARNATAKA VS. MASTER BALACHANDAR KRISHNAN & ORS.

Sir,

You are kindly requested to circulate the following memoon behalf of Respondent No. 4 (NLSIU) before the Hon'ble Judges:

- 1. The Respondent No.4-University, in consultation with its Governing Bodies, has developed a new policy to deepen and increase diversity of its student body and facilitate greater access to various marginalized and/or underprivileged sections of society. This "NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-2024" provides for additional reservation categories for admission to the Respondent-University, including for Karnataka students, which category of reservation is the subject matter of the present Petition. This Plan was reviewed and affirmed by the Executive Council at its meeting dated 21.03.2021 and will be placed before the General Council on 17.04.2021 for its advice and recommendations.
- 2. The Respondent No.4-University was established by the Bar Council of India Trust through the National Law School of India Society to set up, maintain and run a model law college for the promotion of legal education in India. In furtherance of this purpose, the State of Karnataka formulated and enacted a legislation called the National Law School of India Act, 1986. The Respondent No.4-University has carried out its functions autonomously, regulated by its Governing Bodies under the Principal Act.

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- 3. The Governing Bodies of the University include the General Council, Executive Council, Academic Council and the Finance Committee. Since its inception, the reservation policy of the University was defined and decided by its highest management body, the Executive Council. The Executive Council is currently chaired by the University's Chancellor, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Shri. S.A. Bobde and includes seven sitting justices and one former justice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Senior members of the legal profession, including the Chairman and members of the Bar Council of India and the Chairman of the Karnataka State Bar Council as well as representatives of the Government of Karnataka are members of this Council.
- 4. As the "NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan 2021-2024" may have a material impact on the subject-matter of the present Special Leave Petition, the Respondent No.4-University would be requesting for permission to file a statement furnishing the governing bodies' deliberations and decisions before this Hon'ble Court in two weeks' time for its due consideration.

You are accordingly requested to circulate this memo to the Hon'ble Judges for their information and convenience.

THANKING YOU

CC: MR. V. N. RAGHUPATHY, Adv. Mr. Amit Agrawal, Adv. Ms. Shruti Agarwal, Adv. Ms. Supriya Juneja, Adv.

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