

Key points

In a White Paper yesterday, the Government responded to the recommendations of a Constitutional Commission on the elected presidency

1. AN ELECTED PRESIDENT

It rejected a suggestion that the president be appointed by Parliament. The head of state should be elected by the people to ensure he has the mandate to veto the Government.

2. TIGHTER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



It agreed to update criteria to the most senior executive of company with at least \$500 million in shareholders' equity.

3. ENSURING A PRESIDENT FROM ALL RACES

It agreed to reserve the presidential election for a racial group if it is not represented for five terms.

4. COMPOSITION AND ROLE OF COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS



It agreed to appoint two additional members to the CPA, which has six members and two alternate members.

It rejected a calibrated approach for Parliament to override the president's veto, which takes into consideration the extent to which the CPA supports the veto. It intends to retain the present system to avoid politicising the CPA.



It agreed that the president should consult the CPA on all monetary issues related to reserves and all key public service appointments.