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Implementation of the Service Minute of Development Officers

Your attention is hereby drawn to Public Administration Circular No 10/2012 dated 08.05.2012, Public Administration Circular No 10/2012(I) dated 21.06.2012, Public Administration Circular No 10/2012(II) dated 04.04.2016 and Public Administration Circular No 10/2012(III) dated 14.08.2017 issued on the above matter.

02. The closing date for exercising option for absorption is hereby extended up to 30.11.2020 subject to the provisions in para 02 and 03 of Public Administration Circular No 10/2012(III) dated 14.08.2017. Therefore the files of all officers, who exercise their option for absorption before the above date, should be prepared as per the instructions in the Circular No 10/2012 and sent to the Director General of Combined Services before 31.12.2020.

03. The officers, who have already exercised their option after 30.09.2017 and those who are willing to exercise their option under the provisions of the circulars issued in relation to the absorption into Development Officers' Service (except the officers, who have been subjected to disciplinary inquiries) are given opportunity for absorption into Development Officers' Service.

04. It is kindly informed that **no opportunity is given to the officers**, who have exercised **option for absorption into Development Officers' Service, to withdraw their option** and accordingly all those officers will be absorbed in to Development Officers; Service.

Sgd/ J.J.Rathnasiri Secretary Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government