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Ms. Gabriela Knaul  
Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

Dear Ms. Knaul,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 02 November 2012 addressed to me, requesting information from the Government of Sri Lanka with regard to (i) the alleged intimidation and attacks against Mr. Manjula Tillakeratne, Secretary of the Judicial Services Commission, (ii) the alleged attack against a judge of the Point Pedro District, and (iii) the alleged attack against a Magistrate from the Mannar Magistrate Court; as well as measures taken by the authorities to ensure the safety of the above named persons.

I have the honour to transmit herewith information with regard to the above 3 incidents provided by my Government, including elaboration of their current status.

**I. Alleged intimidation and attacks against Mr. Manjula Tillakeratne,  
Secretary of the Judicial Services Commission**

Investigations have been conducted by the Colombo Crime Division of the Police and facts have been reported to the Magistrate Court of Mount Lavinia under case No B/2355/2012. Investigations are still continuing.

**II. Attack against a judge of Point Pedro**

Investigations have been conducted by the Police sequel to the complaint made by the District Judge concerned. The investigations affirmatively established that no criminal activity of any nature had taken place at the Residence or in its vicinity. However, the noise heard by the Judge was a result of a tender coconut falling from a height of about 20 feet.

### **III. Attack against a Magistrate from the Mannar Magistrate Court**

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) conducted investigations in connection with the alleged incident and have arrested and produced 44 suspects in Court. Save for 6 suspects, the rest have been released on bail. Investigations have been completed and the material has been forwarded to the Hon. Attorney General for consideration of charges.

I would appreciate your urgent consideration of the above information, as well as acknowledgement of this communication at the earliest convenience.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



Ravinatha Aryasinha  
Ambassador/ Permanent Representative