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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Office of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Joint Urgent Appeal dated 12 December 2014 addressed to H.E. Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, by Mr. Ariel Dulitzky, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders concerning the alleged threat, intimidation and harassment of Ms. Rankothge Mauri Inoka Kumari Jayasena, as a reprisal for her enquiries about her allegedly disappeared husband and for her activities to raise awareness about that issue.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka has the honour to inform the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights that the Joint Urgent Appeal by the two Special Rapporteurs has been transmitted to the Government of Sri Lanka for appropriate action.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka will keep the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights informed of the response of the Government of Sri Lanka.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Office of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 12 December, 2014

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR),  
Palais Des Nations,  
1211- Geneva.

Attn:

Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders,

Mr. Ariel Dulitzky, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances