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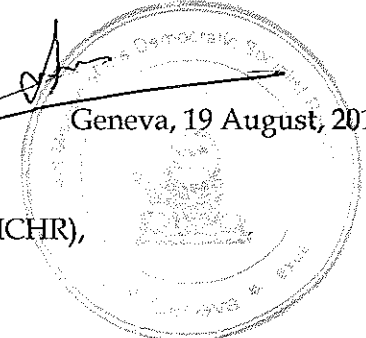
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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Joint Urgent Appeal dated 08 August 2014 addressed to H.E. Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, by Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Ms. Gabriela Knaul, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, concerning the alleged intimidation of Mr. Upul Jayasuriya.

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 of 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 Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers) the assurances of its highest consideration.


Geneva, 19 August, 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 and

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