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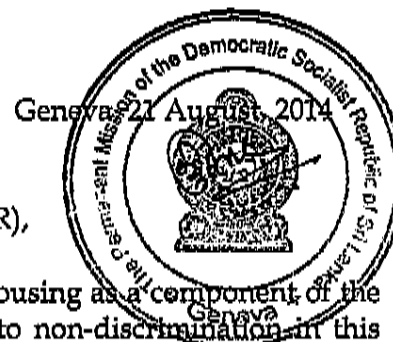
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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Office of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the communication dated 20 August 2014 addressed to H.E. Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, by Ms. Leilani Farha, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, concerning the alleged forced eviction of a large number of persons and communities residing in various neighborhoods in the city of Colombo (including Java Lane, Mews Street on Slave Island and Castle Street in Borella).

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka has the honour to inform the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights that the communication of the Special Rapporteur 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 adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context) the assurances of its highest consideration.



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR),
 Special Procedures Branch,
 (Attn.: Ms. Leilani Farha, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context)
 Palais Des Nations,
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