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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 Freedom of Religion or Belief and Office of the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Joint Urgent Appeal dated 11 August 2014 addressed to H.E. Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, by Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt, Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Religion and Belief and Ms. Izsak Rita, Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, concerning the allegations of arbitrary detention and forceful deportation of Pakistani 'refugees' in Sri Lanka.

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 Freedom of Religion or Belief and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 August, 2014



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

(Attn: Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt, Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Religion and Belief and Ms. Izsak Rita, Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)

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