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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, Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association and 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 14 August 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, Mr. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, Mr. Maina Kiai, Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association and Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders, concerning the alleged dispersal of, and acts of intimidation against, a group of individuals gathered to discuss cases of disappearances in Sri Lanka at the Centre for Society and Religion (CSR) on 04 August 2014 and the possible collusion between the assailants and the police.

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 four 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, Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association and Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 August, 2014

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

(Attn:

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

Mr. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression,

Mr. Maina Kiai, Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association and

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