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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 (Special Procedures Branch), and has the honour to refer to the letter dated 2 December 2016, addressed to H.E. Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, by Mr. José Guevara, first vice-chair on behalf of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Ms. Houria Es-Slami, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID), Mr. Pabo de Greiff the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence, Mr. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Mr. Maina Kiai, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and Mr. Ben Emmerson, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, concerning the 'Policy and Legal Framework of the proposed Counter Terrorism Act of Sri Lanka'.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka has the honour to inform the Office of the Special Procedures Branch that the said communication has been transmitted to the Government of Sri Lanka for appropriate action, and that the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka will keep the Special Procedures Branch informed of the response once received.

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 the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 5 December, 2016

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