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 Special Procedures Branch of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the communication on the ‘Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures’ no. AL LKA 3/2023 dated 19th April 2023 forwarding a letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on minority issues.

On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka wishes to request an extension of two weeks (until 4 July 2023) from the OHCHR to respond to the above communication.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka would appreciate an acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication by the Special Procedures Branch at the earliest.


Geneva, 15 June 2023

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