

Hand-delivered by
Amb. Rohan Perera
(PR Sri Lanka) to the
Chef de Cabinet on
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President of Sri Lanka



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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Excellency,

I am deeply appreciative of the support that the United Nations has been extending to me, to my Government and to the people of Sri Lanka under your leadership.

Being among the first to congratulate and wish me upon my election as President in January 2015, you and your officials were prompt to reciprocate my Government's gesture of reaching out to the United Nations to renew and strengthen relations.

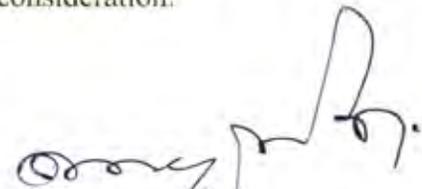
I am touched by your goodwill and your commitment to support the agenda of my Government which focuses special attention on reconciliation, development and strengthening democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law. Since my election as President and the formation of the National Unity Government following the Parliamentary Election in August 2015, Sri Lanka has expanded her engagement with the UN and its agencies vigorously in a multitude of areas and has undertaken an important reform agenda.

I note that your last visit to my country was seven years ago in late May 2009, soon after the conclusion of the conflict. I am aware that this is your last year in office and that your engagements as a result must be arduous. However, in view of your sincere interest in assisting the people of my country and the efforts of the United Nations in supporting reconciliation, development and progress, I would appreciate very much if you would consider visiting Sri Lanka before you conclude your tenure as Secretary-General of the United Nations. ✓

A visit by you will serve as a recognition and endorsement of the path that the people of Sri Lanka have embarked upon through democratic elections twice last year in January and in August, and provide them encouragement to pursue along this path.

I look forward to your reply and hope that I will have the pleasure of receiving you in Sri Lanka this year.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Maithripala Sirisena

31 March, 2016

