THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO

**SRI LANKA**

(Wednesday, 31 August – Friday, 2 September 2016)

1. **H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena**, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *(hand sign)*

2. **H.E. Mr. Ranil Wickremasinghe**, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *(hand sign)*

3. **H.E. Mr. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *(hand sign)*

4. **H.E. Mr. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *(hand sign)*

5. **The Honourable Mr. Reginald Cooray**, Governor of the Northern Province of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka *(hand sign)*

6. **H.E. Mr. Amrith Rohan Perera**, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

7. **Ms. Una McCauley**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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28 September 2016

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letters to:

- His Excellency Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- His Excellency Mr. Ranil Wickremasinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- His Excellency Mr. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- His Excellency Mr. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- The Honourable Mr. Reginald Cooray, Governor of the Northern Province of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Copies of the letters are enclosed for your information. A letter addressed to Your Excellency is also enclosed.

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

Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Amrith Rohan Perera
Permanent Representative of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to
the United Nations
New York

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear President Sirisena,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your warm welcome and our fruitful discussions during my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. The kind hospitality extended to me and to my wife, as well as to the members of my delegation, and the wonderful dinner you hosted in our honour on 1 September 2016 was truly appreciated.

I was glad to witness first hand the impressive changes that have taken place in the country, including in the north, since my last visit in 2009. I also welcomed the opportunity to visit Galle, where I witnessed an inspirational generation of young leaders and peacemakers who are bound to carry your ambitious reform agenda into the future.

I wish to also thank you for our insightful discussions on the comprehensive initiatives of your Government, including in transitional justice, reconciliation and constitutional reform. I do recognize the complex needs and challenges, and the fact that political obstacles are unlikely to fade. The United Nations remains fully committed to supporting these peacebuilding efforts, including through the financial resources from the Peacebuilding Fund and the collective efforts of the United Nations Country Team.

You have chosen to answer the call of your people to decisively redress the legacies of the past and to build a more harmonious and prosperous future for all Sri Lankans. I should like to salute you for your courageous leadership at this critical juncture in the history of Sri Lanka and encourage you to stay the course in the face of challenges to come.

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

Wishing you continued good success in the future.

Ki-Moon Ban

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Maithripala Sirisena
President of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear Prime Minister Wickremasinghe,

I wish to thank you for your warm welcome and our insightful discussions during my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. The kind hospitality extended to me and my wife, as well as to the members of my delegation, and the wonderful dinner you hosted in our honour on 31 August 2016 was truly appreciated.

I was delighted by the opportunity to witness the impressive changes in the country since my last visit in 2009. In the north and in the south, I sensed the hope and optimism of the Sri Lankan people about the new direction your Government has embarked upon. Although many challenges remain, I am confident that your leadership will help to lay the foundation for long-term peace and prosperity.

I appreciated our fruitful discussions and the chance to hear from you and your Ministers about the key priorities and current challenges of your Government. I welcome your consensus-based approach to reforming the Constitution, your dedicated commitment to replacing the Prevention of Terrorism Act and your efforts to bring the resettlement issue to a sustainable conclusion. The United Nations remains fully committed to supporting these important peacebuilding initiatives, including through the financial resources from the Peacebuilding Fund and the collective efforts of the United Nations Country Team.

I greatly appreciate the reinvigorated engagement of your Government with the United Nations. I strongly believe that both Sri Lanka and the United Nations will benefit from our strengthened and deepened partnership that has endured for over sixty years.

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

Thanking for your support,

Ki-Moon Ban

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Prime Minister of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear Minister Samaraweera,

I wish to thank you for your warm welcome and for our fruitful discussions during my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. Allow me to also thank you for the kind hospitality extended to me and to my wife, and for the delightful dinner you so graciously hosted on 2 September 2016.

The visit, including to the north and to the south of the country, offered me a chance to witness the rapid and peaceful political transformation since my last visit in 2009 and, in particular, in the last year and a half. I strongly believe that Sri Lanka has embarked on a path to a more peaceful and prosperous future for all Sri Lankans.

Our conversations allowed me to fully take note of the importance of timely United Nations support in a wide range of areas, from counter-terrorism and security sector reform to assistance with the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 30/1. With the adoption of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan and the allocation of additional financial resources from the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, I can assure you that all United Nations partners are ready to step up their collective efforts to support the advancement of the agenda your Government has set.

I would like to commend your leadership in working closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the special procedures mandate holders, on the sensitive and complex issue of transitional justice. I deeply admire your efforts and commitment to strengthening and deepening the partnership between Sri Lanka and the United Nations and I look forward to continuing our collaboration for a long time to come. Last year marked the sixtieth anniversary of our partnership, and I was delighted to personally witness in Sri Lanka that our bonds have grown even stronger.

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

Wishing you all the best!

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Mangala Samaraweera
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Democratic Socialist Republic
of Sri Lanka
Colombo

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear Speaker Jayasuriya,

I wish to thank you for hosting the important meeting with political party leaders during my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. Your country has a long democratic tradition and I commend you and your colleagues for strengthening its institutions, making them more accountable, transparent and inclusive.

Our discussion on your comprehensive political reform agenda, including the implementation of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, the establishment of the Constitutional Council and independent commissions, as well as the sectoral oversight committees, was very insightful. It was also interesting and informative to learn about a series of new laws that have been passed under your leadership, including on the Office on Missing Persons, which is an important step in promoting transnational justice and reconciliation.

I understand that ahead of you lie other challenging and complex legislative initiatives, such as constitutional reform and the establishment of truth-seeking, accountability and reparations mechanisms. I am confident that a broad-based consensus to secure their passage can be built under your wise leadership. I would like to assure you that the United Nations remains fully committed to supporting you and the Parliament of Sri Lanka in its efforts to serve the people of Sri Lanka.

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

Wishing you continued success,

Ki-moon Ban

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His Excellency
Mr. Karu Jayasuriya
Speaker of the Parliament of the
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of Sri Lanka
Colombo

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear Governor Cooray,

I wish to thank you for welcoming me to Jaffna during my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. I was delighted to witness with my own eyes the profound transformation that has taken place in the north since my last visit in 2009.

The Northern Province was the most affected by the conflict, and winning back the trust and confidence of the people is critical. I strongly believe that this period offers a historic moment for all Sri Lankans to lay the foundation for long-term peace and stability. Your leadership and engagement with political leaders, civil society and diverse communities in the north will be crucial in achieving these goals.

I greatly appreciated hearing from you on the political dynamics in the north, highlighting the importance of working with all stakeholders to advance the implementation of the peacebuilding agenda. I would like to reassure you that the United Nations remains firmly committed to assisting the Northern Province.

Wishing you continued success,

Yours sincerely,

Ki-Moon Ban

BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable Reginald Cooray
Governor of the Northern Province of
the Democratic Socialist Republic
of Sri Lanka
Jaffna

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Excellency,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and to the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, for your hard work and dedication in preparing my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. I would also like to thank you for personally accompanying me on the visit to ensure its success.

I was delighted by the opportunity to witness first hand the impressive changes in the country since my last visit in 2009. In the north and in the south, I sensed the hope and optimism of the Sri Lankan people regarding the new direction upon which your Government has embarked. I also appreciated the fruitful discussions with all the Government counterparts.

I welcome the reinvigorated engagement of your Government with the United Nations and strongly believe that both Sri Lanka and the United Nations will benefit from our strengthened and deepened partnership that has endured for over sixty years.

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

Ki Moon Ban

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His Excellency
Mr. Amrith Rohan Perera
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His Excellency
Mr. Amrith Rohan Perera
Permanent Representative of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of
Sri Lanka to the United Nations
New York

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 September 2016

Dear Ms. McCauley,

I would like to thank you for all the support you and your team provided for my official visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September 2016. Throughout my visit, I met passionate and dedicated United Nations professionals who make up the backbone of our engagement with Sri Lanka. I was delighted to address the United Nations staff during our town hall meeting and to discuss with you and with the principals of the Country Team the key issues and challenges in Sri Lanka.

Since my last visit in 2009, I noticed a profound transformation and a sense of hope and optimism for a new, more stable and peaceful future for the country. I am proud of the high regard the current Government has for the United Nations. Its renewed engagement with the Organization is a result of our collective good standing and is a positive reflection of your ongoing efforts.

The United Nations is asked to deliver a multifaceted and complex peacebuilding support programme in a challenging political environment. You are the first point of contact with the Government, and I fully appreciate the tremendous responsibility placed on you to respond to its demands. Please be assured that the United Nations senior leadership and I remain fully engaged in supporting you and the Country Team in that vital role.

Yours sincerely,

Ki Moon Ban

BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Una McCauley
United Nations Resident Coordinator
in Sri Lanka
Colombo

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**SUBJECT/MESSAGE: TY letters Secretary-General's visit to Sri Lanka**

Please find attached, as requested by EOSG, the draft letters from the Secretary-General thanking the interlocutors for their hospitality during his visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September. An additional letter is included to thank the Resident Coordinator for her support during the visit. Also attached is a transmittal note to the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

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xx September 2016

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letters, expressing the Secretary-General's appreciation for the kindness and hospitality of the Sri Lankan Government and the Sri Lankan people during his recent visit to Sri Lanka, to their high addressees.

The Secretary-General also asked me to convey to you his deep appreciation for your participation in the visit and the role that the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka played in ensuring the success of the Secretary-General's visit.

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

Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Amrith Rohan Perera
Permanent Representative of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations
New York

XX September 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for the warm welcome that you and your Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended to me during my recent visit to Sri Lanka. Traveling to the north and the south offered me a chance to witness the rapid and peaceful political transformation your country has undergone in the last year and a half. I strongly believe that Sri Lanka has embarked on a path to a more peaceful and prosperous future for all Sri Lankans.

I have taken note of the importance of timely United Nations support in a wide range of areas, from counter-terrorism and security sector reform to assistance with the implementation of the Human Rights Council's resolution. With the adoption of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan and the allocation of additional financial resources from the Peacebuilding Fund, I can assure you that all United Nations partners are ready to step up their collective efforts to advance the Government's agenda.

I would like to commend your leadership in working closely with the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as the Special Procedures Mandate Holders on the sensitive and complex issue of transitional justice. I deeply admire your efforts and commitment to strengthening and deepening Sri Lanka's partnership with the United Nations and we look forward to continuing our collaboration for a long time to come. Last year marked the 60th anniversary of our partnership, and I was delighted to personally witness in Sri Lanka that our bonds have grown ever stronger.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Mangala Samaraweera
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

XX September 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for welcoming me to Jaffna during my recent visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September. I was delighted to witness with my own eyes the profound transformation that has taken place in the north since my last visit in 2009.

Your province has been the most affected by the conflict, and winning back the trust and confidence of the people in the north is critical. I strongly believe that this period offers an historic moment for all Sri Lankans, and in particular those in the north, to lay the foundation for long-term peace and stability. Your leadership and engagement with political leaders, civil society and diverse communities in the north will be crucial in achieving these goals.

I greatly appreciated your briefing on the political dynamics in the north, highlighting the importance of working with all stakeholders in the Northern Province to advance the implementation of the peacebuilding agenda. I would like to reassure you that the United Nations remains firmly committed to assisting the Northern Province.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Reginald Cooray
Governor of the Northern Province of
the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Jaffna

XX September 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your warm reception and hospitality during my visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September. I was delighted by the opportunity to meet with you in person immediately prior to your departure to Singapore. During my visits to the north and the south, I sensed the hope and optimism of the Sri Lankan people about the new direction your Government has embarked upon. Although many challenges remain, I am confident that your leadership will help lay the foundation for long-time peace and prosperity.

During the wonderful dinner you hosted upon my arrival, I had a chance to hear from you and your ministers about your Government's key priorities and current challenges. I welcome your consensus-based approach to reforming the constitution, your dedicated commitment to replacing the Prevention of Terrorism Act and your efforts to bring the resettlement issue to a sustainable conclusion, so many years after the conflict. As I have said before, I assure you of the United Nations' continued commitment to these important peacebuilding initiatives, even after my departure as the Secretary-General.

I greatly appreciate your Government's reinvigorated engagement with the United Nations. I strongly believe that both Sri Lanka and the United Nations will benefit from our strengthened and deepened partnership that has endured for over 60 years.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Prime Minister of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

XX September 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your kindness and hospitality during my recent visit to Sri Lanka and for hosting such a wonderful dinner. I was impressed with the socio-economic progress in the north since my last visit in 2009. I also welcome the opportunity to visit Galle, where I witnessed an inspirational generation of young leaders and peacemakers who are bound to carry your ambitious reform agenda into the future.

Our discussion on your comprehensive initiatives, including transitional justice, reconciliation and constitutional reform, was insightful. I recognize the complex needs and challenges, and that political obstacles are unlikely to fade. I would like to reiterate that the United Nations remains fully committed to supporting your peacebuilding efforts, even after my departure as the Secretary-General. I hope that the financial resources from the Peacebuilding Fund and the collective efforts of the United Nations Country Team will help you achieve your goals.

You have chosen to answer the call of your people to decisively redress the legacies of the past and to build a more harmonious and prosperous future for all Sri Lankans. I should like to salute you for your courageous leadership at this critical juncture in Sri Lanka's history and encourage you to stay the course in the face of challenges to come.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Maithripala Sirisena
President of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

XX September 2016

Dear Ms. McCauley,

I would like to thank you for the substantive, as well as administrative and logistical, support you and your team provided for my visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September. Throughout my visit, I saw passionate and dedicated United Nations professionals that make up the backbone of our engagement with Sri Lanka. I was delighted to address the United Nations staff during our town hall meeting and to have had an opportunity to discuss with you and the principals of the Country Team the key issues and challenges in Sri Lanka.

Since my last visit in 2009, I noticed a profound transformation and a sense of hope and optimism about a new, more stable and peaceful future for the country. I am proud of the high regard the current Government has for the United Nations. Its renewed engagement with the United Nations is a result of our collective good standing and is a positive reflection of your ongoing efforts.

The United Nations is asked to deliver a multi-faceted and complex peacebuilding support programme in a challenging political environment. You are the first point of contact for the Government, and I fully appreciate the tremendous responsibility placed on you to respond to its demands. I would like to assure you that, even after my departure as the Secretary-General, the United Nations Secretariat will remain fully engaged in assisting you in that role.

Yours sincerely,

BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Una McCauley
United Nations Resident Coordinator
in Sri Lanka
Colombo

XX September 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for hosting the important meeting with the political party leaders of the Parliament of Sri Lanka during my recent visit to your wonderful country from 31 August to 2 September. Sri Lanka has a long democratic tradition, and I commend you and your colleagues for strengthening its institutions, making them more accountable, transparent and inclusive.

Our discussion on your comprehensive political reform agenda, including the implementation of the 19th Amendment, the establishment of the Constitutional Council and independent commissions, as well as the sectoral oversight committees, was very insightful. I also welcomed your briefing on a series of new laws that have been passed under your leadership, including the Office on Missing Persons, which is an important step in promoting transnational justice and reconciliation.

I understand that ahead of you, lie other challenging and complex legislative initiatives, such as constitutional reform and the establishment of truth-seeking, accountability and reparations mechanisms. I am confident that under your wise leadership, you will be able to build a broad based consensus to secure their passage. I would like to assure you that the United Nations remains fully committed to supporting you and the Parliament of Sri Lanka in its efforts to serve the people of Sri Lanka.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Karu Jayasuriya
Speaker of the Parliament of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Colombo

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Dear Colleagues,

Please kindly find the link and attachments above for your information. As requested by EOSG, this is the draft letters from Secretary-General thanking the interlocutors for their hospitality during his visit to Sri Lanka from 31 August to 2 September.

Thank You.

Best,
Becky

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**Re: Sri Lanka thank you letters**
Jane Anttila to: Katrin Hett 23/09/2016 10:22 AM
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Thanks a lot both Jill and Katrin, looking forward to getting the letters!

Jane

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Hi Jane,

It appears there was a technical slip with a new doc system - the letters are all done and I had thought they had been with you for a long time. Am tracking them down and will get them to you.

Katrin

**From:** SGCentral
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 10:08
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Sincerely,

Jill Annitto
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Subject: Sri Lanka thank you letters

Dear colleagues, dear Katrin,

while I fully appreciate the high level week is crazy for everyone, I have been waiting to receive the draft Sri Lanka thank you letters (originally hoping to receive them on 13 September), and as I know they have left the Asia-Pacific division of DPA, I just wanted to check whether either of you (central or OUSG) has them and could expedite, given that the trip ended already quite a while ago and I know the SG likes to have them out sooner rather than later?

Thanks a lot!
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