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H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General
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New York

Excellency,

✓ **Reception to mark the 68th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka**

I wish to extend my deep appreciation to Your Excellency for accepting our invitation to attend the Reception to mark the 68th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka and the 60th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's admission to the United Nations, to be held on **Thursday, 04th February 2016** from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka.

✓ RA In this regard, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to make a brief speech at the Reception on behalf of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Secretariat. The proposed programme outline for the evening of 04th February will be as follows:

- 7.00 p.m. National Anthem of Sri Lanka
- 7.05 p.m. Welcome address by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations
- 7.10 p.m. Brief speech by H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

It would be highly appreciated if Your Excellency could confirm the acceptance of this invitation.

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

Dr. Rohan Perera
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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