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Mr. Mauro Politi  
Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations  
Human Rights Committee

Dear Mr. Politi,

This refers to your letter dated 08 August 2017 on the follow up procedure of the Human Rights Committee, regarding the Concluding Observations on the 5th periodic report submitted by Sri Lanka (CCPR/CLKA/CO/05) and adopted at the 112th Session on October 2014.

As the Committee has acknowledged, additional information in response to the queries raised had been provided by the Government by Note Verbale dated 7 June 2016 and 16 October 2015 on the implementation of the selected Concluding Observations. However, the Committee by its communication dated 16 August 2016 requested further information, which led to the Government, pursuant to its well established policy of open and transparent engagement with stakeholders, undertaking consultations at varied levels, with a view to seeking inputs and evolving factual updates. As it happened, it is noted that the process has taken longer than envisaged, thus resulting in a slight delay in the legal vetting and finalizing of the updated response, which is annexed hereto.

The Government of Sri Lanka wishes to reiterate that it remains committed in its policy of constructive engagement and cooperation with UN mechanisms including the Human Rights Committee and during the period when the updated response was being evolved, it had simultaneously been involved in extensive informal domestic consultations as well as pursued engagement with a number of UN treaty bodies and Special Rapporteurs, in particular with those who were visiting Sri Lanka pursuant to their mandates, at the invitation of the Government.

In view of the above, the Government would very much appreciate it if the annexed response could be published alongside the Committee's Concluding Report in the relevant website and in the official record. The Government of Sri Lanka will, in the meantime, suitably incorporate the updated responses in its next periodic review report as suggested by the Committee.

Sri Lanka looks forward to engaging with the Human Rights Committee at its next periodic review and has been actively considering the Concluding Observations of the Committee in this context.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravinatha Aryasinha', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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