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UNHCR Representative Presented Credentials to the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka

Ms Rianawati, the new Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Sri Lanka, presented her credentials to the Foreign Minister, Honourable Mangala Samaraweera on 28 July 2015 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She arrived in the country on 9 July 2015.

Ms. Rianawati, an Indonesian national, has worked with UNHCR since 1995. Prior to assuming duties in Colombo, she served UNHCR as the Deputy Representative in Jordan. Her extensive experience includes working in emergency situations to safeguard international protection and assistance to persons of concern to UNHCR. She has served in Nepal, Iran, Thailand, Indonesia Myanmar and the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland prior to assuming duties in Sri Lanka.

Since 2009, UNHCR has been assisting the government of Sri Lanka in finding durable solutions on behalf of internally displaced persons (IDPs), Sri Lankan refugee returnees and stateless persons. In addition, UNHCR provides protection and assistance to urban refugees and asylum seekers within the territory of Sri Lanka.

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