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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Republic Building, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka

01st October, 1987.

Sir,

I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka ('the Government') and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ('the UNHCR') signed in Colombo on the 31st of August 1987, with regard to the allocation of an amount of US Dollars Two Million from the Emergency Fund of the UNHCR as an initial amount towards carrying out assistance measures for the rehabilitation of returnees and displaced persons.

2. In terms of paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding the Government undertook to grant facilities to the UNHCR to station such number of officials in Sri Lanka, as may be agreed by the UNHCR and the Government, for the purpose of monitoring the expending of funds granted by the UNHCR to the Government for the purpose of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

3. It is understood that the UNHCR will station subject to prior consultations and approval of the Government of Sri Lanka the following officials for the purpose of monitoring the expending of funds granted by the UNHCR to the Government for the purpose of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

- (i) Representative
- (ii) Deputy Representative
- (iii) 4 Programme Officers

Mr. R. Sampathkumar,  
Director of Operations,  
Bureau for Asia & Oceania,  
The United Nations High Commissioner  
for Refugees,  
Geneva.

4. For the purpose of carrying out the mission referred to in paragraph 3 above, UNHCR and its officials referred to above, will enjoy within Sri Lanka, the same jurisdictional immunities, exemption from taxation, exchange facilities, customs facilities including first arrival privileges as are accorded to the Office of the Resident Representative of the UNDP in Sri Lanka and officials of the UNDP office in Sri Lanka. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Sri Lanka nationals who are locally recruited.

5. It is understood that these privileges and immunities are granted to the officials in the interest of the UNHCR and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. Therefore the immunity of any officials should be waived by the UNHCR whenever in its opinion such immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the UNHCR.

6. The privileges, immunities and facilities granted in terms of this letter shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of this letter.

I shall be grateful if you would acknowledge this letter and confirm the above.

Yours faithfully,

*W. T. Jayasinghe*  
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Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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