



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3 August 2022

Excellency,

I wish to congratulate you on assuming the responsibilities of the office of the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Your leadership will be critical in bringing stability and ensuring an environment conducive to ushering Sri Lanka out of the current challenges it is facing.

I welcome your commitment to forging a consensus among all political parties in developing a national strategy to address these challenges. In doing so, I wish to encourage dialogue among all stakeholders, including consultation with the public, as well as respect for rule of law and fundamental human rights principles. Moreover, I take this opportunity to welcome the efforts of your country on the political participation of women and to encourage your leadership to accelerate progress.

The United Nations remains ready to support the Government and people of Sri Lanka to address immediate and long-term needs and looks forward to continuing our cooperation to advance peacebuilding, sustainable development and human rights for the benefit of all Sri Lankans.

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

with my warmest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', written in a cursive style.

António Guterres

His Excellency
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