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Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Commissioner of Elections, Election Secretariats, Sarana Road, Rajagiriya,

27<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with regard to the current floods and the impact it will have on the exercise of the franchise, especially in the North Central and Eastern provinces. I understand that approximately 400,000 or more persons have been displaced on account of the floods. I am writing in particular to ascertain from you as to what special arrangements are being contemplated with regards to the exercise of their franchise. My concerns relate to them being displaced from areas in which their polling stations are located, including the loss of polling cards and other identification documents.

Please do seriously consider special arrangements for the exercise of the franchise by these recently displaced persons as a matter of priority.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. P. Saravanamuttu

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