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To Whom It May Concern

Assistance required for Sri Lanka's National Relief Operations for Flood and Landslide Victims

As you may be aware, the heavy monsoon rains which are prevailing in Sri Lanka has resulted in massive floods and landslides in several Districts of the country. According to the latest updates released by the Disaster Management Centre on 29.05.2017, around 557,505 People belonging to 151,392 families were affected in 15 Districts due to the flood situation. 177 Deaths and 109 missing persons have been reported. Further, 74,928 people belonging to 18,612 families were located at 366 safe locations.

In this context, the Government of Sri Lanka wishes to welcome both financial as well as assistance extended in kind from Sri Lankan expatriates, Overseas Sri Lankan Associations & organizations as well as from well-wishers for the National Relief Operations.

Sri Lankan expatriates and Sri Lankan Associations in France could contribute to the National Relief Operations for the Flood and Landslide Victims by using the following methods:

1. Financial Donations to the Embassy of Sri Lanka in France

Financial contributions could be made to the Embassy of Sri Lanka in France between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. All such contributions would then be transmitted to the Ministry of Disaster Management who is the sole authority for coordinating all relief, rescue and rehabilitation efforts with regard to flood and landslide victims. Contributions made to this Embassy will be acknowledged by way of a receipt issued to the donor.

2. Financial Donations to the Ministry of Disaster Management

Financial donations could also be remitted directly to the Ministry of Disaster Management. The relevant Bank details are given below:

Account Name: Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management – Disaster relief Account
Bank : Bank of Ceylon
Account No : 7040171
Swift Code : BCEYLK LX
Beneficiary : Government of Sri Lanka
Website : www.cbsl.lk

Furthermore, please note that Government of Sri Lanka would like to encourage monetary donations from all Sri Lankans and well-wishers living abroad in order to purchase the required items available from Sri Lanka on an urgent basis.

3. Donation of Relief Material

Disaster Management Centre has also identified the following relief materials as priority items needed for immediate relief operations.

❖ Generators (2 kv – 5 kv single phase)	- 200
❖ Tarpaulin (6m x 4m)	- 25,000
❖ Tents (family – 10 ft-12 ft)	- 15,000
❖ Gum Boots (Medium and large)	- 14,000
❖ Blankets	- 100,000
❖ Bath towels	- 60,000
❖ Mobile Toilets	- 250
❖ Rain Coats (large & small)	- 7,500
❖ Water Pumps with hose unit	- 2,000
❖ Portable emergency flooding beds	- 10,000

A comprehensive list of relief materials required is annexed to this letter.

However, it may be noted that air freight and shipment charges have to be borne by the senders. All consignments should be addressed to Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

For further inquiries in this regard, please contact Ms. Shobini Gunasekera, Deputy Chief of Mission on 0033677048117 and Mr. Mangala Ranasinghe, First Secretary on 0033620505232.

On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, I wish to also take this opportunity to thank you for all the concern, support and solidarity shown by Sri Lankans and well-wishers living in France at this difficult hour of need.

Tilak Ranaviraja
Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Sri Lanka to France
29.05.2017