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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி  
**President of Sri Lanka**

**His Excellency Vladimir Putin**  
President of the Russian Federation

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of Sri Lanka and on my own behalf, I take great pleasure in conveying to Your Excellency, the Government and people of the Russian Federation, our warm greetings and sincere felicitations as Sri Lanka and Russia mark the momentous occasion of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between our two countries.

The abiding friendship and vibrant relations between Sri Lanka and Russia are time-tested, and mutually rewarding. Underpinned by shared values and mutual respect, relations between our two countries have continued to flourish over the years, promising further expansion into multiple spheres of shared interest.

As we commemorate this historical milestone in our bilateral ties, I wish to express my fervent desire to continue to work closely with you to further consolidate and expand the existing solid partnership between our countries into new and more extensive areas of cooperation in the years ahead for the betterment of our peoples.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health, happiness and personal well-being and for the continued progress of the bilateral relations between our two countries.

**Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

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