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19th February 2022

His Excellency Sergey Lavrov Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Excellency,

I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency, my sincere felicitations and best wishes as we celebrate the special occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the Russian Federation.

It is with a sense of delight that I note that the longstanding, warm and friendly bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and Russia, have been nourished and fortified over the years, into diverse sectors through regular interactions at all levels over the past 65 years.

As we embark on the next chapter in our friendship, it is my firm conviction that our two countries should envisage to build on these joint endeavours to further expand the existing cordial ties into new and innovative areas of collaboration for the mutual benefit of our people. I also take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous and unstinted support extended by Russia to Sri Lanka in all spheres at all times.

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

Prof. G. L. Peiris, M.P.

Foreign Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka