TEXT OF THE MESSAGE FROM H.E. MR. SERGEY LAVROV, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

H.E. PROF. GAMINI LAKSHMAN PEIRIS, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Colombo

Dear Mr. Minister,

Please accept sincere congratulations on the occasion of 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Our countries have been linked by close bonds of friendship and mutual respect for more than half a century. We maintain a continuous political dialogue, successfully cooperate in the UN and other international organizations, strengthen bilateral business relations. Similar approaches to the present crucial issues create favorable conditions for strengthening cooperation in the practical spheres. We are confident that the further consistent development of the Russian-Sri Lankan relations fully meets the interests of peoples of both countries and contributes to peace and stability in Asia.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you, Mr. Peiris, as well as all colleagues in the Foreign Ministry every success and prosperity.

SERGEY LAVROV

Moscow, February 19, 2022