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Honorable President Ranil Wickramasinghe,

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Concerns Regarding the Potential Appointment of Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon as Inspector General of Police

Dear President Wickramasinghe,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Global Centre for the Monitoring and Prevention of Political and Economic Crimes in Sri Lanka to express our deep concern regarding the potential appointment of Senior Deputy Inspector General (SDIG) Deshabandu Tennakoon as the country's 36th Inspector-General of Police (IGP).

Our organization has been closely monitoring the conduct and performance of high-ranking officials in Sri Lanka, and we have serious reservations about SDIG Tennakoon's suitability for the role of IGP. Our concerns stem from a series of allegations against him.

The allegations include instances of misconduct, abuse of power, and involvement in activities that undermine the principles of justice and human rights. These allegations, if true, are not only a violation of the professional standards expected of a police officer but also a breach of the public trust.

The appointment of SDIG Tennakoon to the position of IGP could have serious international repercussions for Sri Lanka. International organizations such as the Human Rights Commission, the World Bank, and the European Union closely monitor the human rights situation in countries around the world. Any indication of a disregard for human rights and justice at the highest levels of law enforcement in Sri Lanka could lead to increased scrutiny, criticism, and potential sanctions from these organizations.

Such actions could hinder Sri Lanka's ongoing recovery from past political and economic challenges. It could affect international aid, loans, and investments, which are crucial for the country's development. Furthermore, it could damage Sri Lanka's international reputation, affecting tourism and trade relations.

We urge you to consider these potential consequences and the serious allegations against SDIG Tennakoon before making a decision on the appointment of the next IGP. We believe that the



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appointment of an IGP with a clean record and a strong commitment to justice and human rights is crucial for the future of Sri Lanka.

As a global center, we are committed to ensuring accountability and justice. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and engage with international partners to ensure that the principles of justice, human rights, and good governance are upheld in Sri Lanka.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will make a decision that is in the best interest of the people of Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely,

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