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## Letter dated 28 February 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I write with reference to my meeting with you on 26 February 2013 and my letter of 24 February 2013 addressed to you, and the meeting of my Deputy Permanent Representative with the Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Eric Tistounet, on 22 February 2013, on the above subject.

I have noted that, in your response to me in your letter of 27 February 2013, you indicated that non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council have the right to organize side events, and that such events “do not reflect an official position of the Council”.

In the above context, I wish to bring to your urgent attention the article by Manu Joseph on Sri Lanka that appeared in the *International Herald Tribune* of 27 February 2013, which quotes the director of the Channel 4 film, Callum Macrae, as saying that the film *No Fire Zone* “will be screened at the twenty-second session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, now under way in Geneva, where the United States plans to introduce a resolution asking Sri Lanka to investigate the allegations of war crimes by its army.” I would appreciate it if you could kindly take appropriate steps to request the *International Herald Tribune* to correct this erroneous claim to be consistent with the position of OHCHR.

I would also appreciate it if you could kindly publish and circulate the present communication, in all official languages, as a document of the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council, and also to keep the OHCHR secretariat informed thereof.

(signed) Ravinatha Aryasinha  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative