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Ms. Luckshmi Jayawickrama,
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Dear Ms. Jayawickrama,

RE: GAP Analysis under UNCAC

We have learnt that you are spearheading the above exercise sponsored by the UNDP. We are extremely pleased that you have started the process, which is undoubtedly required to ascertain the compatibility of the government with the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). We are mindful of the fact that Sri Lanka is under review next year under the UNCAC.

As you are well aware, the UNCAC recognizes that the government cannot fight corruption on its own and it requires the support of the civil society. The Convention also requires the government to ensure civil society participation to fight corruption. Our experiences show that in almost all the state parties seriously fighting corruption, the Gap Analysis has been developed in a full transparent manner with the total participation of the civil society. In fact, a full stakeholder involvement is routinely done in other countries. Let us not forget that the compliance and a Gap Analysis is not a legal issue but go way beyond.

We are quite happy that the the Government of Sri Lanka is at present engaged in a Gap Analysis. We also express our willingness to participate in this exercise genuinely so that the outcome of the analysis is an accurate reflection of the anti-corruption status of the country. We are also mindful that the Gap Analysis and State Party Reviews under the UNCAC are not destructive but constructive engagements with the state parties, which will ultimately help the state party and the people of the relevant country to bring in integrity to their lives and governance.

We earnestly request you to make the Gap Analysis a participatory process, for which we are genuinely interested in making our strong contribution.

Awaiting an early and positive response.

On behalf of the Transparency International Sri Lanka.

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Executive Director

CC: (1) Secretary to HE the President
(2) Resident Representative of UNDP