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**Dear Ms. Kristalina Georgieva,**

We acknowledge Sri Lanka's deep unsustainable debt situation and the Sri Lankan authorities' recent efforts to engage their official and commercial creditors toward a solution to restore debt sustainability under the IMF financial support.

We hereby confirm our strong support for Sri Lanka's prospective EFF-supported program and commit to supporting Sri Lanka with financing/debt relief consistent with restoring Sri Lanka's public debt sustainability under the IMF-supported program and ensuring that the program is fully financed as projected by IMF staff. This financing/debt relief will be provided by Export-Import Bank of India.

In this context, we commit to continuing negotiations with the Sri Lankan government along with the Paris Club on a medium-to-long term debt treatment through maturity extension and interest rate reduction or any other financial operations that would deliver similar financing/debt relief.

The financing/debt relief provided by Export-Import Bank of India will be consistent with restoring debt sustainability under the IMF-supported program. We understand that the IMF's debt sustainability assessment will be underpinned by the program targets of (i) reducing the ratio of public debt to GDP to below 95 percent by 2032, the central government's annual gross financing needs below 13 percent of GDP on average in 2027-32, and the central government's annual foreign currency debt service below 4.5 percent of GDP in every year in 2027-32; and (ii) closing Sri Lanka's external financing gap.

We would like to stress that the Sri Lankan authorities are expected to seek equitable debt treatments from all commercial creditors and other official bilateral creditors, as well as adequate financing contributions from the

multilateral development banks. We stand ready to support your efforts on these.

We look forward to continuing cordial and in-depth discussions with the Sri Lankan authorities, IMF and the Paris Club with a view to finalizing the specifics of this financing/debt relief in the coming weeks.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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**Copy to:**

1. **Mr. K M Mahinda Siriwardana, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Government of Sri Lanka** with reference to his letter number MF/ER/In/Gen dated 15 January 2023 addressed to Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India.
2. **Mr. Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.**
3. **Mr. Gopal Baglay, High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
4. **Dr. K.V. Subramanian, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, 700 19th Street, Washington DC.**



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