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Media Release

Sri Lanka has been elected to the Chair / Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development

The Ambassador (Ms) Tamara Kunanayakam, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, Geneva has been unanimously elected to the position of the Chair / Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development (R2D).

Ms.Kunanayakm was nominated by the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) at the organizational meeting of the Working Group on the Right to Development held on September 07, 2011, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Working Group on the Right to Development was established by the then Commission on Human Rights (presently the Human Rights Council). The Working Group provides a platform for all the UN Member and Observer States, Inter-Governmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations with Economic and Social Council consultative status to effectively contribute to the Right to Development Agenda.

According to the Resolution 4/4 of the Human Rights Council, the mandate of the open-ended Working Group is:

- To monitor and review progress made in the promotion and implementation of the right to development
- To review reports and other information submitted by states and international or non-governmental organizations
- To submit a sessional report to the Human Rights Council

The Ambassador, (Ms.) Tamara Kunanayagam Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, Geneva upon being elected as the Chair / Repporteur to the Chair of the Working Group on the Right to Development addressed the Working Group on September 07, 2011. **A copy of the full text of the speech made by Ms. Tamara Kunanayakm is attached herewith.**

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