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## PRESS RELEASE

## Senior Advisor Jayantha Dhanapala meets with High Commissioner for Human Rights and Members of the Human Rights Council

Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Senior Advisor on Foreign Affairs to the President of Sri Lanka visited Geneva from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

He met the High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, President of the Human Rights Council Joachim Rücker, as well as all members of the Human Rights Council in Groups.

Characterizing his visit as an "exploratory visit," Mr. Dhanapala briefed them on the policies of the newly elected President Maithripala Sirisena and his Government, and in that context sought a constructive engagement with the High Commissioner and the Human Rights Council in terms of the manifesto and the 100-Days Programme of the new Government.

Both sides agreed to continue the dialogue.

Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Ambassador Ravinatha Aryasinha and Deputy Permanent Representative Mrs. Samantha Jayasuriya were associated in the meetings.

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