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Urgent/ Strategic

Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Hon Prime Minister

**Ref : Proposing federal government cash injection for establishing flight route :
Sydney/(Mattala) Sri Lanka by Qantas Airway with Australian Kangaroo Logo**

As you are aware geo-political situation in Sri Lanka has become more volatile with China's strategic intervention on acquiring important positions in the island in line with their Maritime Silk Route ambition. It is apparent that this will be security threat to Australia's long term ambition to become a leader in the Indo-Pacific region. We are well aware that Australian Government through the DFAT has taken strategic approach to link Australian and Sri Lankan agencies in many aspects.

As Sri Lankan Government has already initiated travel bubble concept for tourism, Australian tourists can explore beauty of Sri Lanka with high level of health security imposed in the tourism sector. Sri Lanka will open all airports in January and Australian Government should use this opportunity to resume air travel to Sri Lanka in order to initiate travel industry again in Australia. For this reason I propose;

1. Australian PM or Foreign Minister or Defence Minister must make urgent visit to Sri Lanka in January or February for meeting both President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for cordial discussions about current problems and difficulties in Sri Lanka.
2. Initiate discussions with Sri Lankan authorities to share Mattala International Airport for Australian international air travel.
3. Provide adequate cash injection to Qantas for initiating new strategic travel route Sydney/ Mattala(Sri Lanka) with future links with Los Angeles.

I am sure that action on above proposals will establish further confidence to Morrison Government by both Australians and Sri Lankans as untapped opportunities will bring long term economic and security benefits for both countries.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

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