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### COMMUNICATION

#### ACCREDITATION

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Contact:	protocole@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Accreditations – Appointment of H.E. Mrs Grace A. Asirwatham as the Head of Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Rodney M. Perera

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With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka intends to appoint H.E. Mrs Grace A. Asirwatham as Head of Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Rodney M. Perera.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 12 October 2018 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mrs Grace A. Asirwatham.

J. TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN  
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

### NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the Secretary General, Protocol Services of the European Commission and has the honour to state that the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic Sri Lanka has nominated **Mrs Grace A. Asirwatham** as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the European Union in succession of **His Excellency Rodney M. Perera**.

A copy of the Curriculum Vitae of **Mrs. Grace A. Asirwatham** is attached herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka wishes to request the Agrément of the European Union for the said appointment early.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General, Protocol Services of the European Commission the assurance of its highest consideration.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Full Name:** Mrs Grace Ammal Asàrwatham, Secretary to the State Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka

**Date of Birth:** 18 February 1963

**Status:** Married and has two children

**Educational Qualifications:** B.Sc. (Ad) Business Administration, MA in International Relations

### **Career Record**

1998                      Joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service

1989                      Assistant Director/Consular Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

1990                      Third Secretary/Second Secretary/Sri Lanka High Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan

1994-1998                Deputy Director/South Asia and South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) (MFA)

2000                      Counsellor/Deputy Head of Mission Sri Lanka Embassy in Bonn, Germany

2002                      Consul General/Consulate General of Sri Lanka, Bonn, Germany

2003                      Director/Economic Affairs (MFA)

2006                      Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Nepal

2008                      Director General/South Asia & SAARC (MFA)

2008                      Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Netherlands, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

2011                      Deputy Director General (with the rank of UN Assistant Secretary General/ASG of the organization for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

2015 (July)                Senior Director General/Economic Affairs and Trade/MFA

2016 (April)              Additional Secretary/Economic Affairs and Trade, Middle East and Africa and Political Affairs (West)/MFA

2017 (October)         Secretary to the State Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombo

## **Training**

1989 (Jan - June) Training in Public Administration at the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), Colombo

1995 (Sept) International Executive Development Programme conducted by the Institute of Training of Government Officials in the Republic of Korea. (Two weeks)

2017 (March) Attended a Seminar conducted by the Near East South Asia (NESA) Centre for Strategic Studies for the National Defense University in Washington DC, USA, on "Emerging Security Threats in the NESA Region". (Two weeks)

## **Other positions**

Board Member (ex-officio) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board - EDB (2015-2017)

## **Hobby**

Oil and Acrylic Painting (held painting exhibitions in Nepal and The Netherlands)

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