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H.E. Mr. Kamallesh Sharma  
Secretary-General  
Commonwealth Secretariat  
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Dear Secretary-General,

As you stated on 13 January, following the impeachment of the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka, "The dismissal of the Chief Justice will be widely seen, against the background of the divergence between the Judiciary and the Legislature, as running counter to the independence of the judiciary, which is a core Commonwealth value."

I understand that you have rightly sought and obtained independent legal opinions from two eminent Commonwealth jurists, the Honourable Pius Nkonzo Langa of South Africa and Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC of the UK, as to the constitutionality of the dismissal of the Chief Justice. As these legal opinions would be germane to the deliberations of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group with respect to Sri Lanka, I request that these documents be provided to High Commissioners whose ministers sit on CMAG so that they may consider their findings. I would appreciate receiving the opinions today.

Yours sincerely,



Gordon Campbell  
High Commissioner

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