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His Excellency Bernard Fautrier  
The Chair  
International Coral Reef Initiative

Your Excellency,

I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as the Chair of International Coral Reef Association (ICRI) and it is with pleasure that I appreciate ICRI's continuous efforts of protecting the resources of corals in the world.

Recently, the Cabinet of Ministers of Sri Lanka has granted approval to join as a member state with the network of ICRI to ensure its global stance to protect coral reefs. Let me assure, Sri Lanka's willingness to work intently with ICRI to protect coral reefs.

I firmly believe that, obtaining membership of ICRI would warrant to showcase its strategic location in the Indian Ocean, its commitment for environment conservation as well as its keen interest in fostering partnerships and cooperation for the protection of coral reefs.

Thus, I shall be most thankful if Sri Lanka's candidacy to ICRI could be tabled at the next General Assembly.

Wishing you success in future endeavors as the Chair of ICRI,

Respectfully yours,

Anura Dissanayake  
Secretary

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"இப் பூமியும், மரலு, செடி கொடிகளும் மனிதனுக்கும் போன்றே வானில் பறந்து திரியும் பறவைகளுக்கும் பூமியில் வாழும் உயிரினங்களுக்கும், அனைத்து விலங்குகளுக்கும் ஒருமித்துச் சொந்தமானது"

"This great earth and the flora on it equally belong to the man and the birds flying in the sky, the quadrupeds and all creatures living on earth"