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Your Excellency,

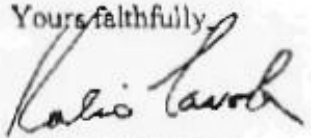
I am aware that there is now a substantial body of opinion at the United Nations that the next Secretary-General should be an Asian. And that several excellent Asian candidates have been recommended to the Security Council.

I am writing to request you to add the name of Ambassador Niranjan Deva-Adriya, Ambassador at Large of Sri Lanka to your list of candidates. I am proposing this of course from the perspective that given the large number of candidates, it would be prudent that the UNSC firstly undertakes its deliberations to reduce the field of candidates. This will then facilitate national choices at the level of the UNGA.

Ambassador Deva is a unique candidate. A Sri Lankan citizen with family, roots, and business in Sri Lanka, he has become a global personality, making a significant contribution to global politics, aid and development at the multilateral level, through the European Parliament (EP) and the ACP Group. As the author of the Pacific Region Report in the EP, he understands the issues facing small island states and Fiji in particular. He has been of great assistance to the Pacific Region in particular through his work with the ACP Group.

I believe that he is entitled to the first level of consideration by the UNSC at least before the matter finally gets to the UNGA.

Assuring you of my highest considerations.

Yours faithfully,  
  
Kaliopate Tavola  
Senator