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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1948 FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CEYLON TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Colombo (Ceylon), 25 May 1948

APPLICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON FOR ADMISSION OF CEYLON
TO THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

On behalf of the Government of Ceylon, I have the honour to apply for admission to membership of the United Nations under Article 4 of the United Nations Charter, and request that this application be laid before the Security Council.

2. On 4 February 1948, Ceylon became an independent member of the British Commonwealth of Nations under the terms of the Ceylon Independence Act, 1947, and parallel documents. Ceylon has now the same relationship with the United Kingdom as the Commonwealth of Australia, the Union of South Africa and the Dominions of Canada, New Zealand, India and Pakistan, all of which are already Members of the United Nations.

3. The Government of Ceylon hereby accepts the obligations contained in the United Nations Charter and is prepared to demonstrate the ability and willingness of Ceylon to carry out these obligations.

4. Now that Ceylon has obtained her independence, her people are anxious to give such assistance as they can render to the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security, and to that end will collaborate in collective measures for "the prevention and removal of threats to peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace."

(Signed)

(D.S. Senanayake)

PRIME MINISTER
AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS