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UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction for Asia & the Pacific (UNISDR),
United Nations Secretariat Building - 8th Floor, Section A,
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue,
10200 Bangkok,
Thailand,

Subject: Nomination of Eravur Urban Council, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka as a “Role Model City” for Resilient Cities Campaign – 2011-2015

Eravur Urban Council, Eastern province of Sri Lanka, under the leadership of the present government, is undertaking significant and sustained steps towards building its resiliency to disasters such as floods. In a few years, time it will shift from a response-based and reactive based approach to a more proactive and development focused approach in disaster risk reduction (DRR).

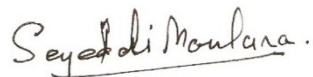
Implementation of DRR activities in the Eravur urban council is being guided by the council’s strong commitment to implement the provisions of the National Policy on Local Government gazetted in year 2009 and the Disaster Management Act no 13 of 2005 and the DRM framework of the of the Government of Sri Lanka.

The willingness to sign up for the Disaster Resilient Cities Campaign and also commit to be a role model city in the Campaign is a further indication of the maturity and engagement in DRRactivities. Therefore, Eravur Urban Council shows its willingness to be a **“Role model for Flood Mitigation”** in this campaign.

With the foregoing concrete accomplishments and forward-looking plans, we are willing to take part in the resilient cities campaign to consider as role model city. This global and National recognition will further motivate the citizens of our political members of Eravur urban council and their leadership to work towards the goal of making Eravur urban council as disaster resilient city. Further, the best practices and lessons learned will be shared at Global, Regional and National levels and willing to exchange the knowledge and the experiences with other role model cities in the world.

We look forward you kind consideration on this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seyed Ali Moulana". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Chairman
Eravur Urban Council
Government of Sri Lanka