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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Visit to Sri Lanka by United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs**

At the request of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, B. Lynn Pascoe, will arrive in Sri Lanka today for discussions on a number of critical issues related to the aftermath of the armed conflict. These include the resettlement of internally displaced persons, political reconciliation and the establishment of a mechanism of accountability for alleged human rights violations in the context of the conflict.

While in Sri Lanka from 16-18 September, USG Pascoe expects to hold discussions with President Rajapaksa and senior officials of his government, diverse political and civil society leaders, and also obtain a firsthand view of the situation of internally displaced persons in camps in the northern part of the country. USG Pascoe will also hold consultations with the United Nations Country Team in Sri Lanka, with a view to helping ensure the UN can effectively provide assistance to Sri Lanka in support of forward movement in all of the aforementioned areas.

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