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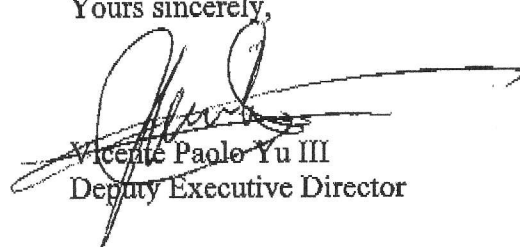
Excellency,

We at the South Centre were deeply saddened to learn of the passing away of Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) last week. We had the privilege to work together with Dr. Kelegama in several occasions in Sri Lanka and in Geneva, including with the commemoration of the legacy of the late Dr. Gamani Corea, former Chairman of the Board of the South Centre, which the South Centre hosted in Geneva. Dr. Kelegama's deep passion and dedication to the cause of developing countries and for the need to build the intellectual thinking in the South will remain as his main legacy.

We mourn the loss of such a visionary and close friend of the South Centre. On behalf of the Board and the Secretariat of the South Centre, I wish to express our deepest condolences to his family, his colleagues and to the government and people of Sri Lanka in this difficult moment.

You can count on the South Centre to continue Dr. Kelegama's mission in building strong institutions and promotion the intellectual thinking of young generations in developing countries, one of his main aims in outstanding professional life.

Yours sincerely,


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