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Dear Sir,

**INDEPENDENT REPORT & PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL PLATFORM IN
TOURISM SECTOR LINKING WITH NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
BEFORE REOPEN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN SRI LANKA.**

1. I have attached herewith a constructive individual report with respect to the above topic.
2. Forwarded for your kind consideration and for necessary action.

Yours Sincerely



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01. Introduction

This report was prepared by Capt. Harsha Govinda Koralearachchi BSc, Instructor pilot and qualified National Tourist Guide Lecturer of Sri Lanka. I would like to inform officially the importance of special platform in tourism sector linking with national intelligence services in Sri Lanka before reopening the tourism industry in Sri Lanka.

02. National Requirement

The tourism sector in Sri Lanka one of the leading foreign income generating sector. Reopening the field of tourism is must without any delay, but in with necessary safety measures in place. Present national requirement is to identify the new threats building up against national security and how to counter them effectively.

03. Aim

Proposing measures to identify and counter possible threats emanating from tourism sector against national security.

04. Objectives

- a) Identify the emerging and existing threats to national security from field of tourism
- b) Proposing remedies to control and minimize the identified threats.

05. Identify the emerging and existing threats to national security from the field of tourism

➤ **Biological threat - to surrender or new phase of invasion**

We are aware of the pandemic threat of COVID 19, how much we have been suffering from in month of March 2020. This biological agents are bacteria, viruses, and toxins that can disable or kill people, animals, and crops. This will be coming in a new format from foreigners, guests and other official diplomats to Sri Lanka. The most important point is this COVID 19 virus may be used by international terrorist organizations as a biological weapon in future to achieve their goals.

➤ **Religious extremist or fundamentalist groups active in tourism sector in Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka is well-known for the freedom it offers to feely move and engage in religious activities. This freedom is abused by foreign funded extremist/fundamentalist groups to achieve their evil objectives. This will be the one of the reasons for the increasing tension among communities in Sri Lanka. Most of these groups are also linked to drug trafficking and drug dealing in the country.

➤ **Financial threat – Income undercut**

This is another form of threat emanating from the tourism sector in Sri Lanka. There are ample evidences have been present to the authorities, but the sadly the country has no proper

mechanism to counter this threat so far. For example, when it comes to the Chinese tourists, Chinese tour leaders are allowed to undercut Sri Lankan tour companies and take back a large portion of the income generated back to China. Though commissioned based tourism is legally banned under the tourism act of Sri Lanka, this has been widely practiced by the DMC's (Destination Management Centers) in Sri Lanka.

➤ **Wildlife trading and Bio piracy practices in tourism sector in Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka is one of the countries with the highest biodiversity in the world. There are many more endemic species yet to be identified in this island. This is a common threat in tourism sector in Sri Lanka, but the sad part is Sri Lanka government has not been taken any active measures to counter this problem yet. Wildlife trading, bio piracy

➤ **Destroying image or damaging to national heritage sites of Sri Lanka**

This is new threat in tourism sector in Sri Lanka - there are many unlicensed tourists guide actively involved in tourism. They either use fake licenses or operate without license. These individuals are doing great damage to the national image and national interests of Sri Lanka. Misinterpretation of illegal foreign tour leaders (Chinese on national heritage sites may not only lead to the destruction of the tourism and even lead to internal conflicts among communities of Sri Lanka.

➤ **Immigration law violations**

There are many cases reported under this category. National Tourist Guides have reported these cases often to the authorities but never seen any action being taken.

06. Remedies to control and minimize the identified above threats from the tourism sector of Sri Lanka

I would like to propose here, following categories of tourist guide lecturers to be utilize as informers to the national intelligence service of Sri Lanka. This is a common practices in other counties with highly developed intelligence networks targeting tourism industry.

07. General information about the tourist guide lecturers of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has been issuing license for following two categories of guides, they are as follows,

- National Tourist Guide Lectures of Sri Lanka – Professional category occupation
(No Restrictions, unofficial ambassadors of Sri Lanka)
- Chaffer Tourist Guide Lectures of Sri Lanka – Skill category occupation
(Restrictions are there)

Provincially trained and authorized tourist guides categories as follows

- Regional Tourist Guide – Skill category occupation **(Restrictions are there)**
- Site Guides – Skill category occupation **(Restriction are there)**

08. National benefits of networking above categories after selecting by screening interview

- National intelligence network will be covering the tourism sector of Sri Lanka.
- Improve the quality and eliminate areas of income undercut methods through the information given by above category informers while monitoring respective intelligence services or will be establishing future new intelligence sector in field of tourism in Sri Lanka.
- This network will have been used for current update or any unusual development of any location or any districts or any province while they are performing their job as guides in tourism sector.

09. Conclusion

I am being a National Tourist Guide Lecturer of Sri Lanka and an ex-Air Force helicopter pilot from 1997 to 2008, forwarding this information in a constructive way as a citizen of Sri Lanka with my social responsibility to the His Excellency the president of Sri Lanka. I strongly believe that respective authorities will take this information as nationalistic requirement to be fulfilled effective service in tourism sector in Sri Lanka. I am ready to deliver 15 Mts, Power Point Presentation in details at any given time to any government officials' behalf of you.

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