



**HIGH COMMISSION  
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Mr. Hamada Madi Bolero,  
Secretary General,  
Indian Ocean Commission,  
BlueTower-3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Ruedel'Institut, Ebène,  
Mauritius.

Dear Mr. Hamada Bolero,

**Application of Sri Lanka to Obtain IOC Membership**

I wish to inform you that the Government of Sri Lanka has realized the importance of joining the IOC way back in 2013 and have initiated action to obtain its membership. During my tenure as the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Seychelles, I have made representations to relevant authorities to achieve this mission. This matter came to the attention of His Excellency Danny Faure, the President of the Republic of Seychelles during the state visit to Seychelles of His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in last October. His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena arrived Seychelles during the commemoration of the completion of thirty years of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and Seychelles and at that state visit, requested assistance of His Excellency Danny Faure, President of the Republic of Seychelles in obtaining the membership of the Indian Ocean Commission to Sri Lanka. His Excellency Danny Faure assured the fullest cooperation of the Government of Seychelles in this endeavor. As such I kindly seek your assistance for this proposal at the next IOC meeting due to be held in second half of 2019. I also hope that other member countries too would assist Sri Lanka to obtain full membership or the observer status at that meeting.

I wish to inform you that I have previously submitted corresponding documents at the Plenary Sessions held in Mauritius and Kenya. While appreciating the never failing assistance received from the Government of Seychelles, I very much appreciate if you could kindly make arrangements to ensure the assistance of the delegation of Seychelles attending this IOC meeting in our efforts to obtain IOC membership for Sri Lanka.

I also add here the best wishes of His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, the President of Sri Lanka and myself towards the well being and prosperity of Seychelles and the IOC.

Best Regards,

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