



16 February 2017

International Society of Doctors for Environment
c.o. AefU
P.O. Box 620
4019 Basel
Switzerland

Dear Sir,

We would like to state that the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is established as a body of corporate under the Act No. 53 of 1988 of the Parliament of the democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

We are forwarding this letter with in support of the application submitted by Ms. Yolanthika Ellepola for ISDE membership.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gayani Caldera', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gayani Caldera
Director, Finance and Administration



14 February 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) was conceived in the mid-1980's as an autonomous institution designed to promote policy-oriented economic research and to strengthen the capacity for medium-term policy analysis in Sri Lanka.

Since its inception, the Institute has functioned under the key ministries involved in economic policy making and implementation in the country while enjoying considerable autonomy in setting and implementing its research programme. Its institutional structure has allowed the IPS to acquire a unique position as an authoritative independent voice in economic policy analysis, working closely with the government, private sector, academia and civil society.

In 2015, IPS completed 25 years since its formation. Over the years, there has been a substantial expansion of activities undertaken by the Institute. The number of areas on which it sustains on-going research has expanded significantly with the systematic strengthening of expertise of its research staff.

The research programme draws on the Institute's eight specialist areas of research. These are: Macroeconomic policy; International Economic Policy; Labour, Employment and Human Resource Development Policy; Poverty and Social Welfare Policy; Agriculture Economic Policy, Environment Economic Policy and Health Economic Policy. The expanding research output has been reinforced by professional in-house support services in overall finance and administration management and in the provision of information and resources including the Institute's own communications, publications, information technology, and library units.

We are forwarding this letter in support of the application submitted by Ms. Yolanthika Ellepola for ISDE membership.


Saman Kelegama
Executive Director



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Dear Board Members,

Request for Membership

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) has acquired a unique position as an authoritative independent voice in economic policy analysis, working closely with the government, private sector, academia and civil society. With over two decades of substantial research expertise, IPS has emerged as a regional centre of excellence and the most influential think tank in Sri Lanka.

The IPS was conceived in the mid-1980s as an autonomous institution designed to promote policy-oriented economic research and to strengthen the capacity for medium-term policy analysis in Sri Lanka. It was established by an Act of Parliament in December 1988 and was formally set up as a legal entity by gazette notification in April 1990 managed by a Board of Governors and the Executive Director.

Since its inception, the IPS has functioned under the key ministries involved in economic policy making and implementation in Sri Lanka while enjoying considerable autonomy in setting and implementing its research programme. There has also been a substantial expansion of activities undertaken by the IPS in Policy Efficiency and Competitiveness, Migration and Development, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, Human Resources for Sustainable Development, Private Sector and Development and Poverty and Vulnerability. These numerous areas have sustained on-going research and have expanded significantly with the systematic strengthening of expertise of its research staff.

The IPS fully endorses the International Society of Doctors for Environment's (ISDE) goal towards helping to defend our environment both locally and globally to prevent numerous illnesses, ensure necessary conditions for health, and improve quality of life. We acknowledge the fact that exposure to health hazards related to climate change affects different people and different communities to different degrees. While often assessed individually, exposure to multiple climate change threats can occur simultaneously, resulting in compounding health impacts which could affect human health in two ways. First, changing the severity or frequency of health problems that are already affected by climate or weather factors. Second, creating unprecedented or unanticipated health problems or health threats in places where they have not previously occurred. In order to mitigate the negative consequences on health, the IPS is committed towards working with multiple stakeholders both locally and globally to educate the wider public on extreme weather conditions and the impact on human health; influence decision makers in Government to assess the ability of health care systems to respond to extreme weather events and provide uninterrupted access to and delivery of health care services under a variety of scenarios; expand research on prevention and preparedness for

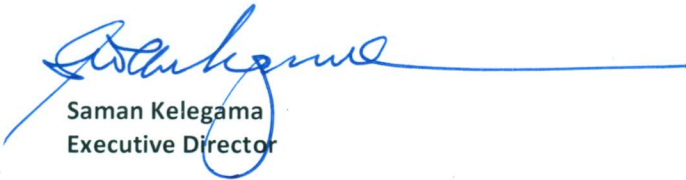
extreme weather events including development of disaster planning tools such as data and communication systems for public health and emergency care, including enhanced access to medical records and capabilities across hospitals on a regional level. In order to embark on these initiatives we intend to develop network linkages with ISDE and other partner organizations to voice our concerns and take actions collectively towards mitigating these health impacts due to climate change.

As the Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, I would like to appoint Ms. Yolanthika Ellepola, Research Assistant at the IPS as a representative of the IPS to the ISDE board. She can be contacted on yolanthikae@ips.lk or yoliellepola@gmail.com.

Enclosed is a document of our Institute's statutes and a short description of our organization for your review.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding our request.

Yours sincerely,



Saman Kelegama
Executive Director