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PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS

22nd March 2011

News Director/ Editor,

We are forwarding a copy of the letter sent to the Hon. Minister of Local Government, Mr. A.L.M Athulla for your information. Please be kind enough to disseminate the information to your readers.

Thank you

Yours truly,

Rohana Hettiarachchi

Executive Director

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Hon. Minister of Local Government,

Mr. A.L.M. Athulla,

Ministry of Local Government,

330, Union Place, Colombo 2.

Hon. Sir,

CONDUCTING THE REMAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ON ONE DAY

The Local Government elections to 88 local authorities which include 18 Municipal Councils, 5 local authorities which were postponed due to World Cup Cricket Matches, and the 65 local authorities which were postponed due to the pending court cases are scheduled to be held in the future.

Our experience shows that if elections to these postponed local authorities are held on staggered dates, there is bound to be wastage of resources as well as external influences on the election process detrimental to fair and free elections

Therefore we kindly request you to make arrangements to hold elections to all the 88 postponed local government authorities on one and the same day as soon as the court rulings are received.

We have confidence that you would take steps to hold elections to all the remaining local authorities on one day as suggested above to strengthen democracy in Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

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