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I wish to refer to the Delhi Declaration (copy attached) adopted at the 3rd South Asian Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN) held in New Delhi, India from 18 - 21 November, 2008 wherein it was agreed that the Government of the Republic of Sri Lanka would host the SACOSAN-IV in 2010.

In this matter, the Inter Country Working Group of the SACOSAN which met in New Delhi last week on 19 - 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 decided that

"India the Chair of SACOSAN-III and ICWG till the handing over during SACOSAN-IV would write to request Sri Lanka to start preparations for holding SACOSAN-IV".

I therefore take immense pleasure in requesting you to kindly start the preparatory process for SACOSAN-IV.

I also designate, Shri J.S. Mathur, Joint Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India as Indis's focal point for SACOSAN-IV.

Excellency, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in making SACOSAN-III a success and I hope that SACOSAN-IV, under your dynamic leadership, would go a long way in accelerating progress on the sanitation agenda in the South Asian region.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

With regards,

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