



## **PRIME MINISTER**

### **STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P.J. KEATING, MP DEATH OF PRESIDENT PREMADASA OF SRI LANKA**

I have today sent the following message to Mr Dingiri Banda Wijetunga, Acting President of Sri Lanka:

I would like to extend to you and the people of Sri Lanka my deepest personal condolences, and those of the Australian Government and people, on the tragic death of President Premadasa. Mr Premadasa's enduring contribution to the development of Sri Lanka will long be remembered.

Please also pass on our condolences to Mrs Premadasa and her children, and to the families of others killed and injured.

Australians join with the majority of the Sri Lankan people in deploring the use of violence as a means of political expression. We hope that you, Mr Acting President, with the Government and people of Sri Lanka, will be able to continue the search for a peaceful resolution of Sri Lanka's communal problems.

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