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SCR is delighted to announce that Shamala Kandiah Thompson will be the next Executive Director of independent think tank Security Council Report, effective 1 October 2024. Ms Kandiah brings nearly two decades of close association with the UN Security Council as well as experience in international diplomacy and journalism.

Her appointment follows a global search process led by SCR's Board of Directors. She succeeds Karin Landgren, who joined SCR as Executive Director in May 2018, following a wide-ranging international career that included serving as a UN Under-Secretary-General and the head of three UN peace operations.

Shamala Kandiah has engaged with the UN Security Council and its members for almost twenty years. Her deep knowledge and vision are indispensable to all those who seek to make the most of the Security Council, and all those who work on international peace and security.

—*Karin Landgren, outgoing Executive Director, SCR*

Ms Kandiah started her career as a journalist in Singapore, covering international affairs. Her interest in peace and security issues then brought her to the ASEAN Secretariat and the Singapore foreign ministry. Ms Kandiah joined SCR in 2006 as an analyst and rose through the ranks to become its chief operating officer in 2021. She has played a leading role in the development of SCR's key products over the years, including the creation and development of *What's in Blue* as its first editor. She has a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts from the National University of Singapore.

I joined SCR soon after it was created and have had the privilege of being involved in every step of SCR's journey to becoming the most trusted source of information on the Security Council. I am honoured to be chosen to lead this organisation that I care so deeply about into its third decade.

—*Shamala Kandiah, SCR's incoming Executive Director*

On behalf of the SCR Board of Directors, its Chair, Ambassador Allan Rock, said

“Shamala brings a deep understanding of the work of both the Security Council and of SCR. Her long association with both organisations has given her a unique perspective for charting SCR's future. The Board and staff of SCR are excited to have Shamala take over the leadership role of SCR and look forward to working with her. We are grateful to Ms Landgren for her strong leadership of SCR over the last six years.”

Since 2005, Security Council Report has been the preeminent international think tank providing impartial, complete and nuanced reporting on the UN Security Council, as well as capacity support to interested member states and others.

