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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

[29 January 2024]

Call for New United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution to Protect Eelam Tamils from Genocide, to Name a Special Rapporteur for Sri Lanka, and to Recognize Tamils' Rights to Self-determination

We, the undersigned organizations, urge the Member States of the Human Rights Council to pass a strong resolution at the upcoming 54th Session, affirming an international commitment to protect human rights and justice in Sri Lanka, with a particular focus on Tamils victims of genocide in Sri Lanka.

Eelam Tamils have been fighting for over seventy-five years for our self determination. We are a people living in the merged North and East in the island of Sri Lanka. We have our right to determine our own destiny.

Successive Sri Lankan Sinhala – Buddhist Governments have continually suppressed Tamils right to self-determination and govern Tamils employing brutal military force to annihilate, which amounts to genocide.

Since the independence from the British in 1948, Tamils have been waging peaceful non-violent struggles for our self-determination. These peaceful struggles were brutally suppressed by the use of force by the successive Sinhala – Buddhist Government, resulting in Tamil youths turn to armed struggle, which was suppressed by Sri Lankan Security forces killing hundreds of thousands of Tamil civilians and sexually assaulting and raping Tamil women.

According to the November 2012 Report of the UN Secretary-General's Internal Review Panel on UN Action in Sri Lanka, over 70,000 people were killed during the final six months of the war that ended in May 2009. According fact-finding mission held by Bishop Rayappu Joseph there are 146,679 persons are unaccounted. Over 110 000 tamils are enforced disappeared by Sri Lanka security forces from 1980s.

Several were killed when Sri Lankan forces repeatedly bombed and shelled an area designated by the Government as No Fire Zones (Safe zones). Even hospitals and food distribution centers were bombed. Several also died of starvation and bled to death due to lack of medical treatment.

Thousands of Tamils disappeared including babies and children. The UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances stated that the second-highest number of enforced disappearance cases in the world is from Sri Lanka.

The deteriorating human rights and accountability context in Sri Lanka is documented in detail in the High Commissioner for Human Rights' January 2021 report as well as a joint assessment released by ten UN Special Procedures mandates earlier for last 12 years.

The High Commissioner highlighted that “nearly 12 years on from the end of the war, domestic initiatives for accountability and reconciliation have repeatedly failed to produce results.” Just as concerning, the High Commissioner stressed the emergence of “early warning signs of a deteriorating human rights situation and a significant heightened risk of future violations.” Given the Government of Sri Lanka's failure to comply with the State's human rights obligations and implement agreed-upon accountability efforts and the need for urgent preventative action, it is essential that a new resolution detail immediate, concrete, and independent international efforts, including enhancing monitoring by the OHCHR, creating an independent international mechanism to collect and preserve evidence of past and ongoing violations, acts of genocide against tamils and abuses, and prioritizing support to civil society initiatives.

The toll on civilians was particularly high in the final stage of the conflict, when tens of thousands of Tamil civilians were killed, by Government forces' shelling of “No Fire Zones.” Following the end of the war, the country remained over-militarized and human rights abuses continued, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention, torture, sexual violence, and harassment and persecution of journalists, activists, and government critics.

Eelam Tamils populations have disproportionately suffered from these continuing violations and abuses, as they face institutionalized discrimination and higher levels of targeted state-sponsored violence.

The High Commissioner highlighted how “the failure to deal with the past continues to have devastating effects on tens of thousands of survivors.”

In the past year, prospects for domestic justice and accountability efforts in Sri Lanka have dimmed entirely. Gotabaya Rajapaksa – the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defense who oversaw the brutal end to Sri Lanka’s war – was elected President in November 2019. As one of its first acts on the international stage, the new Rajapaksa administration announced its withdrawal from HRC Resolution 30/1, part of a series of steps that led the High Commissioner to conclude that “The Government has now demonstrated its inability and unwillingness to pursue a meaningful path towards accountability for international crimes and serious human rights violations.”

The Government has also “proactively obstructed or sought to stop ongoing investigations and criminal trials to prevent accountability for past crimes of Genocide,” promoted credibly accused war criminals, increased militarization of civilian institutions, reversed Constitutional safeguards, increasingly employed and promoted majoritarian and exclusionary rhetoric, increased surveillance and obstruction of civil society, and exacerbated human rights concerns.

The fear of reprisals against victims and witnesses, together with a lack of effective investigations and prosecutions, has led to a circle of impunity that must be broken.” We share the High Commissioner’s and Special Procedures’ concerns that continued reliance on the Government of Sri Lanka to improve human rights and accountability will prove futile and dangerous. As both history and recent events in Sri Lanka have shown, if left unchecked, the Government will be emboldened to continue its abuses and further entrench impunity.

After the war ended eleven years ago in May 2009, Tamils are facing the following hardships, and continue to seek Justice for last 15 years and last big demonstration was the Walked for Tamil’s Justice last February 2021, from Pothuvil to Polikandy demand that the abuses and Structural genocide to stop against Eelam Tamils:

Militarization of Tamil’s traditional homeland is continuing, and Tamils’ historical identity is destroyed with the aim to change demography in favour of Sinhalese, using several government departments, including archaeological, forest, survey departments, and Ministry of Buddhasasana as well as Mahaveli River Development Agency. Also, Government-sponsored Sinhalese settlements are continuing.

Continuing land grab in Tamil’s traditional homeland by the Security Forces and the Government converting Tamil’s traditional and historical places into Sinhala-Buddhist areas by establishing numerous Buddhist temples in Tamil areas, including after destroying Hindu temples. As of now, around 2000 Hindu temples were affected by this act of the Government.

Sinhala – Buddhist Government continues to intimidate and abuse Tamil journalists who cover abuses against Tamils and Tamil Civil Society activists who protest these abuses. This not only violates their constitutionally guaranteed rights, it is being used to suppress Tamil’s calls for fundamental rights, including self-determination.

All the lands that were confiscated by the Government / Sri Lankan Sinhalese Security Forces from Tamil civilians should be returned immediately.

Tamils have been denied the Right to Remember their war dead, as demonstrated by denying remembrance events, destruction of cemeteries of the war dead, and demolition of memorials by the Sinhala – Buddhist Government.

Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) has been used to imprison Tamils without charge or trial for over 46 years.

We call upon the UNHRC members and other affiliated UN agencies and member states to adopt, as a matter of utmost urgency, the following measures:

- Recognize the genocide resolution passed unanimously in the Northern Provincial Council of Sri Lanka on 10th February, 2015.
- Direct appropriate measures at the International Criminal Court outlining that the affected Tamil people have no faith in any domestic commission or inquiry.
- Council Members to have a new Resolution under Agenda 4 to appoint a special Rapporteur to monitor and investigate ongoing human rights violations and repression against the Tamil people.
- The Sri Lankan government is still using the ban imposed on the LTTE by some countries as a tool to suppress the democratic voices and activities of the Eelam Tamils in the North and East today even in the absence of the LTTE. Therefore, the countries concerned should take note of this and take appropriate action.

To the OHCHR, Special rapporteurs and treaty bodies experts.

- Please help us to ensure to protect human rights defenders in Sri Lanka to carry out their legitimate work, in a safe and enabling environment without fear of threats, acts of intimidation or reprisals of any kind witnesses and families seeking truth and justice, and failed to prosecute those against whom there was evidence of wrongdoing.
- OHCHR successive reports don't mention "Tamils" who are the victims of genocide in Sri Lanka, we therefor request you to investigate this omission and to mention the appropriate word of "TAMILS" wherever it's needful.

To the 4th committee members of General Assembly

- To recognize Eelam Tamil as Non-Self-Governing Territories
- To bring the Right to Self-determination of Eelam Tamils at the 4th committee
- To conducting an internationally monitored Referendum.

To European Commission

- To stop being complicit in the ongoing genocide against the Eelam Tamils and to suspend all aid and benefits such as the GSP+ granted to Sri Lanka.

Action des Chrétiens Pour les droits de l'homme, AGARAM, AJACCIO HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER, ALLIANCE DES JURISTES POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME, Alliance internationale contre le génocide, Alliance internationale pour la liberté de Tamil Eelam, Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights, ASSOCIATION DE DEFENSE DES DROITS HUMAINS EN SORBONNE, Association des Artistes du Monde, ASSOCIATION DES CHRETIENS TAMOULS DE FRANCE, ASSOCIATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME DE CHARENTE, Association des Droits de l'Homme de Nevers, ASSOCIATION DES FEMMES SOLIDAIRES DU MONDE, Association des Journalistes en Exil, ASSOCIATION DES JURISTES DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL, Association for Independence of Judges and Lawyers, Association Free Tamil Eelam, Association Internationale Contre les Disparitions forcées, ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES JOURNALISTES INDEPENDANTS, ASSOCIATION POUR LA JUSTICE PENALE INTERNATIONALE, Centre Bishop Rayappu Joseph pour la Justice et la paix, CENTRE DE FORMATION ET DE RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES, CENTRE DE LA SORBONNE POUR LE DROIT INTERNATIONAL ET LES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES,

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