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at the Gladstone Room (Committee Room 14) House of the UK Parliament  
on  
Wednesday, 24 February 2010*



# Global Tamil Forum

## Our Vision

Evolve an independent, international, democratic organization which derives its strength from grassroots organizations of the Tamil Diaspora that will work in solidarity with Tamils in Eelam to restore Tamil Peoples right to self-determination and democratic self-rule in their traditional homeland in the island of Sri Lanka that would lead to self-sufficiency, sustainability and equal opportunity to its people, through its political and economic successes by engaging the international community.

## Our Mission

Establish an international, grassroots and youth based, Tamil democratic political organization that would generate constructive change through Collective Global Tamils to:

- Alleviate the physical and emotional suffering of displaced and distressed Tamil people in the internment camps and to advocate for their freedom of movement and immediate rehabilitation in their homes,
- Bring to justice those who perpetrated genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Tamil Peoples,
- Campaign tirelessly, locally and internationally, to remove the occupying forces of Sri Lanka out from the traditional homeland of Tamils in the island of Sri Lanka,
- Prevent the colonization of the homeland of the Tamil people by the Sinhala majority community,
- Promote health, education, culture and economic development of Tamils in Eelam and the Tamil Diaspora,
- To use all resources available to the Tamil Diaspora to establish the Tamil people's right to self-determination and their right to re-establish their nationhood which was taken away by force from them by the succeeding colonial powers including the Sri Lankan government,
- Help empower Tamil people in Sri Lanka to take control of their destiny and clearly formulate and promote the benefits of freedom for all in the pursuit of sustainable growth and prosperity in the self-governing nation of Tamil Eelam.
- Empower the Tamil society around the world through education, cultural and economic growth from the grassroots with youth and women involvement in all aspects of social activities.

In pursuit of this Vision and Mission, the Global Tamil Forum will build on the principles of emancipation promoted by Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King to oppose the entire edifice of oppression and discrimination through peaceful means and to champion the rights of Tamil and other communities who have been unjustly deprived of their rights and silenced.







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**Message for the Inaugural Meeting of the Global Tamil Forum  
on the 24th February 2010 in London**

After the tragic events of 2009 and the consequent loss of Wanni leadership, it has become necessary to mobilise and reorganise the multifaceted resources of the Tamil Diaspora to suit the new demands of our times and the needs of our people still struggling to survive on the homeland.

The Tamil Diaspora has had a multidimensional growth during the last three decades. I had the privilege of visiting more than once, during the last 15 years, most of these communities and seeing for myself this growth. I am more aware of this multidimensional growth of the Tamils in Europe, especially Germany where I live and work. I am sure they will bring all their best to serve the Tamil cause of liberation by joining the GTF.

With our brothers and sisters made homeless and voiceless, the Tamil Diaspora is conscious that the present phase of the Tamil struggle is largely their responsibility. They will not give up the Tamil struggle in defence of their homeland, their nationhood and sovereignty to live as a dignified people alongside the other people of the island. This will to struggle faces new challenges, true. But we must also take stock of our Diaspora resources, especially, the second generation of youth in the Diaspora with all their talents and international capabilities.

The Global Tamil Forum, is born out of the wish and will of our Tamil organisations in all the five continents, to serve in coordinating as well as encouraging, in mobilising as well as motivating, the varied resources of the Tamil Diaspora to work for the political goal of Tamil liberation as well as for the humanitarian help to our people.

It is right and fitting that we hold our inaugural meeting in London, the historic capital of the then British Empire, where 62 years ago the fate of the Tamils in Ceylon was left into the hands of the majority Sinhalese. May this meeting honoured by international guests, especially by representatives of the present British government and opposition, be a success in strengthening our organisation, the GTF, and in sending a message of hope to our people and in opening ways to new engagements with the international community.

Father S. J. Emmanuel

President,  
Global Tamil Forum

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The Rt. Hon. David Miliband MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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February 2010

I am delighted to be inaugurating today's Global Tamil Forum conference. I wish the Forum every success in its democratic and non-violent steps to achieve its objectives.

British Tamils have made great contributions in many ways to our society and country.

I wish you all the very best.

The Rt. Hon. David Miliband  
Foreign Secretary of Great Britain







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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 February 2010

I am delighted that the inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum will take place in London on the 24th February 2010.

I am proud to be the Prime Minister of a country that represents so many people of different races, religions, cultures and faiths.

As I said recently in the House of Commons, we urge the Government to recognise the human rights of all those who are Tamil citizens in Sri Lanka, and we also urge them to move forward with the reconstruction of the country so that those who have been excluded both from power and from the chances of a livelihood can benefit now.

May I wish you well in your deliberations.

With best wishes

Your Sincerely

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The Rt Hon William Hague MP



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I would like to wish today's inaugural Global Tamil Forum conference every success and am honoured to deliver the closing speech.

Although several months have now passed since the end of the military conflict this is a crucial time for Sri Lanka. As long-standing friends of the country we wish to see sustainable peace and for all Sri Lankans, regardless of ethnic group, to play a role in its future.

We warmly welcome and appreciate the contribution the Tamil diaspora have made to our society. We hope that the Global Tamil Forum will harness the considerable efforts of the Tamil diaspora around the world to help rebuild the country and bring forth peace and stability.

The Rt Hon William Hague MP

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FOR  
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 **Conservatives**



**David Cameron MP**  
Leader of the Conservative Party

February 2010

### Global Tamil Forum Conference

I am delighted to send my best wishes for today's inaugural Global Tamil Forum Conference.

Members of the Tamil diaspora have contributed a great deal to our society, and this event brings them together with their friends from around the world.

Today we are united in a common cause and wish to see the same outcome - a peaceful, stable and prosperous Sri Lanka, where the democratic and political aspirations of all ethnic groups are fulfilled and all Sri Lankans are able to live together in harmony.

Sri Lanka has recently emerged from a very difficult period in its history and it is vital that a negotiated settlement occurs and a period of reconciliation and healing begins in earnest. I know that the Tamil diaspora is ready to play a full part in this process, and I am sure this Conference will be a positive step forward in this work.

On behalf of the Conservative Party, I would like to congratulate the Tamil diaspora for their energetic efforts to ensure enduring peace in their country, and to wish the Global Tamil Forum inaugural Conference every success.

David Cameron

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## Sponsor a Destitute or Disable Internally Displaced Child or Family - GTF Project

The final war in Northern Sri Lanka ended in May of 2009, but, the untold sufferings of the affected Tamil children continues to this date. Bombarded with dangerous arsenals both before and during the war, 1000s of children, including toddlers, have been killed, maimed or orphaned. Now, these surviving children have been locked up in camps with no one to care for them.

The children are the future who mould and shape society. What kind of a place awaits a society that is built by children growing into adulthood with missing limbs, missing parents and a completely traumatized emotional state? How can these children be transformed and nurtured to be productive citizens?

As a first step, GTF has taken the lead to help coordinate any available means of help to alleviate the sufferings of these destitute children and families. Though the broader objective is to find long term sustenance through the aid of various governments and NGOs, GTF has initiated a Sponsor a Family or Child project that calls for the immediate assistance of 1,000 destitute and disabled children and 450 families.

This sponsorship program calls donors to support a child by contributing US\$30/month or \$360/year and family for US\$50/month or \$600/year. This contribution will cover a child's/family's food, clothing, education and medical needs for up to 1 year. Several registered orphanages in Northern Sri Lanka are currently accepting destitute children. Funds collected by GTF are currently being provided to those orphanages. Due to funding shortages, the numbers of destitute children that can be accepted into these orphanages are severely limited.

Since the inception of this project, the current sponsorship commitments have exceeded 250 children and 65 families. While GTF thanks those who have contributed to date, it continues to plead with other potential donors to help meet its objective of 1,000 children and 450 families that it set.

To make a contribution and to make a difference to the precious lives of these destitute children and people please visit [www.globaltamilforum.org](http://www.globaltamilforum.org)







**Edward Davey**  
**Member of Parliament for Kingston & Surbiton**



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"I want to warmly congratulate everyone involved in establishing the Global Tamil Forum. It is a tremendous achievement to bring together such a publication and such an organisation to support Tamils in so many countries across the world, whilst retaining the involvement of the local grass roots.

"Many Liberal Democrat MPs like myself, Simon Hughes, Susan Kramer, Paul Burstow and Tom Brake, have long argued for justice for Tamil people - both in Sri Lanka and here in Britain. The shocking barbarity of last year's fighting proved beyond doubt that it is now the duty of the whole world to wake up, and recognise our responsibilities to help bring peace and justice to all the communities in Sri Lanka. Global Tamil Forum is one excellent way to ensure that the international community and especially Britain is forced to play a role in achieving that.

"It was an honour recently to be an observer at one local polling station in Tolworth for the referendum of the global Tamil Diaspora into Tamil views of what the correct future strategic goal should be. I only hope the next General Election here in Britain is carried out so professionally - and would elections in Sri Lanka managed that level of legitimacy too!

"It's long been clear to me that the only way forward is to uphold the international principle of self-determination. For that to happen in the Sri Lankan context, the current Government in Colombo must recognise the strength and depth of international support the Tamil people have and that Colombo Government will constantly be monitored and checked for human rights' abuses.

"I'm delighted the European Union has recently acted on the poor record on human rights to date, and has moved to withdraw the trade concessions Sri Lanka currently enjoys, under the GSP+ regime. I pay tribute to the British Government who - strongly encouraged by Liberal Democrats and others - helped use our influence within the European Union to bring this about. This is an important first step, but we need to see more strong action against Colombo.

"As the Liberal Democrats' Shadow Foreign Secretary, I can give you my assurance that we will work with the Tamil community here in Britain to further the case of justice and peace for all Tamil people, so their legitimate aspirations and human rights are properly upheld. I look forward to working with the Global Tamil Forum in the years ahead to bring that about.

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Yours Sincerely

**Edward Davey**

Liberal Democrats' Shadow Foreign Secretary

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## Tamil women rise to the challenge

It is common knowledge that women and children suffer the most during times of conflict. The war in Sri Lanka bears no exception. The need for day however is not sympathy, but the support to empower these women to take control of their lives and determine their future.

The Global Tamil Women Forum (GTWF) has been formed to provide this support, to empower women not just in the island of Sri Lanka but Tamil women globally.

GTWF is an internationally coordinated group of female activists from the Tamil Diaspora host countries focusing on transforming the socio-economic and political status of Tamil women in the island of Sri Lanka and worldwide through advocacy and lobbying of policy makers, institutions, non-government organisations and the media.

Women must be empowered politically, economically and represented at all levels of decision making in order to achieve a society that is built on foundations of equality and diversity.

Working with GTF member organisations and where possible in Sri Lanka, GTWF will build Tamil women's capacity, raise public awareness of gender-related and children's issues and encourage wider political participation.

GTWF also recognises the needs of the Diaspora Tamil women and aims to facilitate the development of Tamil women in respect of their social, economic, welfare and political needs.

Following its inauguration, GTWF envisages building a strong, structured, well participated group with identified avenues, to further strengthen the Tamils' political struggle for freedom. We hope that Tamil women globally will feel inspired to participate in this campaign to help restore peace, justice and dignity to our kith and kin in Sri Lanka through our coordinated efforts.

"...a political struggle that does not have women at the heart of it, above it, below it, and within it is no struggle at all" - Arundhati Roy







**VIRENDRA SHARMA**  
Member of Parliament for Ealing Southall



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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Message from Virendra Sharma MP, Chairman for the APPG-Tamils**

This inaugural conference is a major milestone in your campaign and struggle to achieve peace with justice and dignity for your brethren in the Tamil homeland. I wish the Global Tamil Forum every success.

As you know the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils has continually highlighted the plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka and called for a permanent end to conflict. The war is over in Sri Lanka but the conflict isn't. This is why conferences like this are important so that we don't lose sight of the real issues.

The conflict in Sri Lanka will only be resolved when genuine reconciliation between the Tamil and Sinhalese community is complete. A true reconciliation can only happen when the Government of Sri Lanka is ready to accommodate the aspirations of Tamils and let them decide their own destiny.

I am conscious that there are constitutional barriers to make political progress or hold a free and fair referendum in which Tamils can decide their own destiny. I am committed to working with the Members of Parliament from all political parties to bring about this, much needed constitutional change and let Tamils decide their own destiny.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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**Rev. Father S.J. Emmanuel, PhD, President, Global Tamil Forum**  
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**Elias Jeyarajah, PhD, President, U.S. Tamil Political Action Council**



During my tenure as U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka, and since becoming Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, it has been a distinct honor to have had the opportunity to meet on a regular basis with Tamil-American community leaders - a number of whom are represented in London this week. I am pleased that the United States Government shares with its Tamil-American citizens the same hopes for peace and prosperity for all of Sri Lanka's people.

As Tamil Diaspora leaders from around the world come together in London, my sincere hope remains that Sri Lankan Tamils and the global Diaspora can unify around a common position that explicitly rejects violence and recommends a sustained engagement, to the extent practicable, with the Government of Sri Lanka, and a commitment to re-join and strengthen Sri Lanka's democratic process and institutions. The global Tamil Diaspora can and should play a critical role in national reconciliation in Sri Lanka, including, but not limited to, support for reconstruction in the North and East. The United States stands ready to partner with you and the Government of Sri Lanka to help ensure that Tamil-Americans have every opportunity to play such a role.

With best wishes for a successful Global Tamil Forum.

Sincerely,

**Robert O. Blake**

Assistant Secretary of State for  
South and Central Asian Affairs







“As Liberal Democrat Member of the European Parliament for London, I send my very best wishes for a successful inaugural conference of the Global Tamil Forum and regret I cannot be with you due to a plenary session of the European Parliament.

I am fully supportive of your aim of seeking a just, democratic and non-violent solution to the conflict in Sri Lanka which gives Tamils full recognition of their rights to self-determination and respect for their identity within the island, and upholds their human rights. I believe that the Tamil Diaspora, not least Tamils in the UK and in my city, London, can play an enormously important role in pursuit of that objective.

Tamils in Sri Lanka have suffered greatly over recent years, with a failure to satisfy genuine grievances leading to extremism and violence prevailing over peaceful conflict resolution. In the last year there has been commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity, a humanitarian catastrophe for Tamil people and an appalling deterioration in the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. Internees must be freed, prosecutions launched and a new start pursued in which the governance of Sri Lanka is fully rooted in justice, equality and consent, and in which welfare and prosperity for all are prioritised.”

**Baroness Sarah Ludford**

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## Be a fearless warrior to win your rights in Peaceful manner

The concept of Quran is comprehensive because it includes law, moral principles in creed which every man kind subscribes. The Islamic shariah ( law of guidance) is suitable not only for Muslims but also for all man kind. The Islamic law governs all human acts, and the human rights. Public, politics, peace etc ,and public or private duties towards God and duties toward man.

The concept of Quran guided Prophet Mohammed(PBUH) and his people who were following at that time for a Diaspora to Madeena from Makka called Hijrath is the main reason for success for their victory of Islam and captured their rights and their home land again in peaceful manner without violence.

So, the Tamil Diaspora also not negligible . The Muslim perspective of Tamil Diaspora is regrettable but it will be given more opportunity and the space to win rights and in peaceful manner without violence. Prophet Mohammed(PBUH) and Prophet Jesus(PBUH) and Gandhi, Martin Luter king , Mandela are those who followed the system is through spiritual and fearless warrior. To win their victory were successful build up peace and justice in the world.

I like to wish you also spiritual , fearless warrior for work for your victory in peaceful manner will be successful.

Wish Tamil forum for their peaceful activities and good manner in the future. As well as our Brothers and sisters.

God bless you.

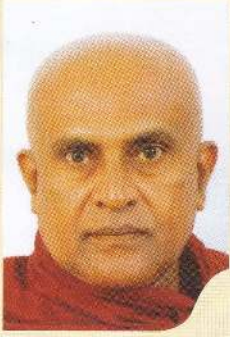
### **Abdul Majeed Mohommed Casim**

Islamic theologyst' Education Consultant and Vice Chairman of Inter religious Peace Foundation, Sri Lanka.

10th February 2010.







## Equal rights for all human beings

### The Essence of the Dharma:

Let All Beings be Free of Sorrow! Buddhism is a universal philosophy that has no place for any exclusive supremacy or hegemony. It is an engaged philosophy which prescribes that until and unless we cooperate as the human species to end suffering on earth, we shall not escape the cycle of Sansara and attain Nirvana.

As a religious philosophy Buddhism emphasizes the responsibility of all individuals to free themselves from illusion and to seek clarity and the path of liberation through scientific self-consciousness. It prescribes a path of renunciation and selfless devotion to the cause of truth and justice nurtured by compassion for all beings. It obligates us to take responsibility for our suffering, to analyze the source of our collective karma, and to act to bring about universal peace and happiness to all beings.

### Negation of the Dharma:

Although we claim that this is the land of Theravada Buddhism, when we apply these doctrinal precepts, we find that our society has long since departed from this noble path of liberation. Sri Lanka today is governed not by the philosophy of human liberation as taught by the Lord Buddha, but by the craven lust for power. Every successive government has betrayed the sovereignty of the people, subjugated the country to foreign powers and international financial agencies, sacrificed our national independence, sowed the seeds of division and domination, and subjected our people to unbearable exploitation and oppression. This is while amassing fortunes by sharing in the spoils of profit and plunder by the rulers. The banner of Sinhala-Buddhist supremacy has been used by all the rulers to deceive and divide the people. The poor, oppressed Sinhala-Buddhist masses have been primarily used as pawns in this deadly game of deception and domination. The politics of this ruling class has visited so much destruction and devastation on the land and our people. Now, we must unite to seek our path of liberation.

I began with the foundational Buddhist theme "Let All Beings be Free of Sorrow! If we are to apply this principle to our present situation, we must forge a shared vision of our beloved Lanka. This vision is founded on three integral cardinal principles: Devolution, Democracy and Development. We cannot separate, nor compromise, on any one of these principles.

I wish Tamil Forum all the best .

**Ven. M. Assaji Nayake Thero**

Executive Secretary - Inter Religious Peace Foundation  
10th February , Sri Lanka.





*Best Wishes From*

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# AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS



## MESSAGE FROM THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS TO THE GLOBAL TAMIL FORUM

We are delighted to send this congratulatory message to the Global Tamil Forum (GTF) on its inaugural gathering.

Having resolved our past political, social and economic challenges in South Africa through dialogue, we firmly believe that willingness to engage, listen to views and ideas of fellow compatriots and the international community, will go a long way in finding a solution to Tamil concerns in Sri Lanka.

We are encouraged by the GTF's commitment to a democratic and non-violent approach. As an umbrella organisation representing mass-based formations in many countries around the globe and in the Tamil Diaspora, may you grow from strength-to-strength in achieving your objectives by peaceful means.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and dignitaries for honouring this historic occasion.

AMANDLA!

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## Laurie Ferguson MP

Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services

### Message for the Inaugural Conference of the Global Tamil Forum 24 February 2010

I am pleased to send this congratulatory message to the Global Tamil Forum.

It is encouraging to see an umbrella organisation being formed globally with Tamil grass-root organisations in many countries around the world.

There must be continuing concerns about the conditions experienced by Tamils still residing in Sri Lankan government-run camps. Human rights must necessarily be upheld following the cessation of conflict in Sri Lanka.

My best wishes for a productive forum that provides for the development of positive relationships and beneficial outcomes for the Tamil Diaspora.

**LAURIE FERGUSON MP**  
Member for Reid  
Parliamentary Secretary  
for Multicultural Affairs  
and Settlement Services





## The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal looks into Sri Lankan government's crimes

An independent commission of jurists of the Rome based Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (PPT) met in Dublin, Ireland, on 14th and 15th of January 2010 to investigate allegations that the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and its armed forces committed war crimes and crimes against humanity during its final phase of the war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The commission also examined violations of human rights in the aftermath of the war and the local and international factors that led to the collapse of the 2002 Ceasefire Agreement. The event was organized by the Irish Forum for Peace in Sri Lanka (IFPSL). The jury was selected from across the global south and north in order to transcend geopolitical barriers and to ensure that its findings would be both credible and ethically binding.

The PPT has examined the cases of Tibet, Western Sahara, Argentina, Eritrea, the Philippines, El Salvador, Afghanistan, East Timor, Zaire, Guatemala, and the Armenian Genocide, the intervention of the United States in Nicaragua, the Brazilian Amazon, and others. The Tribunal attempts to fill gaps in international law, which it seeks to influence by elaborating on such documents as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (United Nations), the Nuremberg principles, United Nations General Assembly resolutions on de-colonization and the new international economic order.

### The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal was asked to examine the following:

- 1) Widespread or systematic attacks directed against the Tamil civilian population that can be described by the 'Rome Statute' of the International Criminal Court as 'crimes against humanity'
- 2) Intentional infliction of conditions of life to bring about the destruction of part of the Tamil population, inter alia the deprivation of access to food and medicine, consistent with the definition of 'extermination' elaborated under 'crimes against humanity' within the Rome Statute
- 3) Violations of international law of war by Sri Lankan government forces under the contexts of executing surrendering war prisoners, inflicting torture, outrages committed against the personal dignity of prisoners, or humiliating and degrading treatment inflicted upon them
- 4) Sexual assault and rape been used as weapons of war
- 5) Murder and disappearance of Tamil people in contravention of the Rome Statute on 'Enforced disappearances of persons'
- 6) Mass deportation and detention of Tamil people in contravention of international law
- 7) Sri Lankan armed forces committing war crimes by indiscriminately using heavy weaponry and air power in densely populated areas and the use of weapons forbidden by international law, such as cluster munitions and weapons of chemical nature

This Tribunal dealt with the crimes committed by the Sri Lankan government, but not with those committed by the LTTE forces in the war. The reason for this is that humanitarian law was created to protect citizens from the State. The action of this Tribunal is a mechanism to ratify this principle. Any crime committed by individuals or groups can be judged and punished by the State. However, crimes committed by the State usually result in impunity, as the State is not willing to judge and punish its own actions.

Harrowing evidence including video footage was submitted by eye witnesses of the use of heavy artillery and phosphorous munitions, and of the continuous violation of human rights by military activity to the panel of 10 international jurors over two days.

### The Peoples Tribunal after 2 days of inquiry and hearing declared that;

- Sri Lankan Government is guilty of war crimes
- Sri Lankan Government is guilty of crimes against humanity
- The charge of Genocide requires further investigation
- The International Community, particularly the UK and USA, share responsibility for the breakdown of the peace process.

Although the charge of Genocide was not included in the inquiry requested of the Tribunal, some of the organizations and persons that gave testimony insisted that it be recognized that Genocide occurred, or may have occurred, against the Tamil population in Sri Lanka. The Tribunal concluded that there was not enough evidence presented to determine that the crime of Genocide be added to the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity but recognized that some of the facts presented could constitute as possible acts of Genocide:

- A possible pattern of forced "disappearances" of Tamil individuals carried out by the Sri Lankan armed forces and by paramilitary forces with the acquiescence of the State, directed against crucial members of the Tamil community (journalists, physicians, politicians) aiming at, as Lemkin said, "the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves", and
- The ongoing incarceration of the Tamil population in IDP camps, the continuity of shootings, systematic rape and forced disappearances, the widespread destruction of infrastructure in those parts of the country where there is a concentration of Tamils, and the lack of food, medicine and other fundamental needs, with the intent to destroy continuity of life of the Tamil people.

The Tribunal acknowledged the importance of continuing thorough investigation into the possibility of Genocide against the Tamil people in Sri Lanka.







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February 19, 2010

Dear Father S.J. Emmanuel, President

I would like to extend greetings and thanks to all delegates attending this inaugural Global Tamil Forum in the United Kingdom. Canada, among several other commonwealth countries, is the proud home of well over 250,000 Tamils, most of whom live in the greater Toronto area. I regret that I was unable to attend with you, but I am encouraged by the growing voice of Tamils the world over, against violence and the continued oppression of minority Tamils in your homeland.

I am certain your deliberations over the coming days will help to advance the hopes and determination of Tamils to seek peace and prosperity in the homeland, and wherever they might call home today.

Congratulations to the forum organizers, presenters and volunteers for making this first event what is certain to be an unqualified success."

Sincerely,

**Bruce Stanton, M.P.**  
Simcoe North







ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

*Minister of the Environment and International Development*

February 2010

Greetings to Global Tamil Forum

This time last year, it was clear to everyone that the military conflict in Sri Lanka was nearing an end. The months that followed brought immense suffering to the civilians, in terms of human losses, displacement, loss of homes and property and fear and uncertainty for the future. I would like to express my deep sympathy for the hundreds of thousands of victims of the military conflict.

Although the war is over, the root causes of the conflict have not been resolved. With his victory in the 26 January election, President Rajapakse now has a historic opportunity to address these causes. This is not possible without reaching out a hand to the Tamils, Muslims and the other minority groups in Sri Lanka. Every step in this direction will be welcomed by the international community, which remains committed to securing a peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka.

Today, however, I am addressing the Tamil diaspora. In many countries, you play an important role in putting the Tamil cause on the international political agenda. This gives you a responsibility to act in accordance with the interests of all Tamils, in Sri Lanka and abroad. Internationally, there is no acceptance for armed struggle. Nor is there any support in the international community for a separate Tamil state. Political change in Sri Lanka will have to come from within. By working together with political forces in the country, the Tamil diaspora can contribute to equal rights for all citizens within an inclusive Sri Lankan state, and greater self-determination in Tamil-dominated areas. The Norwegian government will support you in this endeavour.

*Erik Solheim*

Erik Solheim







## LE MOT DE M. ARMAND JUNG

Député de Strasbourg  
Assemblée nationale - France

Je rencontre régulièrement des Tamouls, à Strasbourg ou à Paris, et nous évoquons à chaque fois la situation douloureuse des Tamouls du Sri-Lanka à laquelle je suis particulièrement sensible.

En octobre 2009, j'ai participé à la rédaction de « L'Appel des Tamouls de Strasbourg et d'Alsace » avec les responsables de l'association Tamoul Cholai de Strasbourg.

Indépendamment de la récente élection présidentielle au Sri-Lanka, voici les réflexions que je souhaitais partager avec vous.

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En mai 2009, après plus de trente ans de conflit contre les Tamouls du Sri-Lanka, le Gouvernement de Colombo a promis de privilégier le dialogue avec cette composante du pays et de respecter ses droits et sa culture.

Plus de cinq mois après cette annonce, nous constatons que ces belles promesses, auxquelles nous avons voulu croire, sont malheureusement loin d'être tenues.

Environ 300 000 déplacés Tamouls, dont de nombreux parents et amis, sont aujourd'hui parqués dans des camps, au nord du Sri-Lanka, encadrés par l'armée.

Leurs conditions de vie sont déplorables. Ces camps sont surpeuplés et dépourvus d'installations sanitaires de base. Lors des fortes pluies du mois de septembre, des rivières d'eau ont déferlé entre les tentes. Les réfugiés étaient contraints de se déplacer au milieu des immondices rejetés par les égouts qui débordaient. Après s'être rendu sur place, Ban Ki-Moon, Secrétaire Général des Nations-Unies, a déclaré qu'il n'avait jamais vu de « scènes aussi effroyables »...

### **L'urgence humanitaire et sanitaire est alarmante.**

Aujourd'hui, démunis et impuissants face à la souffrance de nos proches, nous lançons un appel solennel à tous les dirigeants, à tous les représentants des institutions internationales pour que des mesures soient prises dans les meilleurs délais.

### **Il faut venir en aide aux déplacés Tamouls. Il faut leur apporter une aide massive et adéquate.**

Nous devons également œuvrer pour que le dialogue entre les Tamouls et le Gouvernement de Colombo soit rétabli et qu'un terme soit véritablement mis à cette situation dramatique.

Une nouvelle période doit désormais s'ouvrir. Les bases pour un nouveau dialogue et pour une nouvelle coexistence doivent être établies. Nous sommes prêts pour ce renouveau.

### **Entendez notre appel au secours. Aidez-nous.**

Depuis Strasbourg, capitale européenne des Droits de l'Homme, nous lançons un appel solennel :

1. Pour une aide internationale et rapide aux déplacés Tamouls du Sri-Lanka.
  2. Pour le rassemblement de tous les Tamouls, dans leur diversité et autour de leurs valeurs et de leur volonté de paix, afin d'établir les bases d'un renouveau.
- Ce rassemblement pourrait avoir lieu à Strasbourg très rapidement.

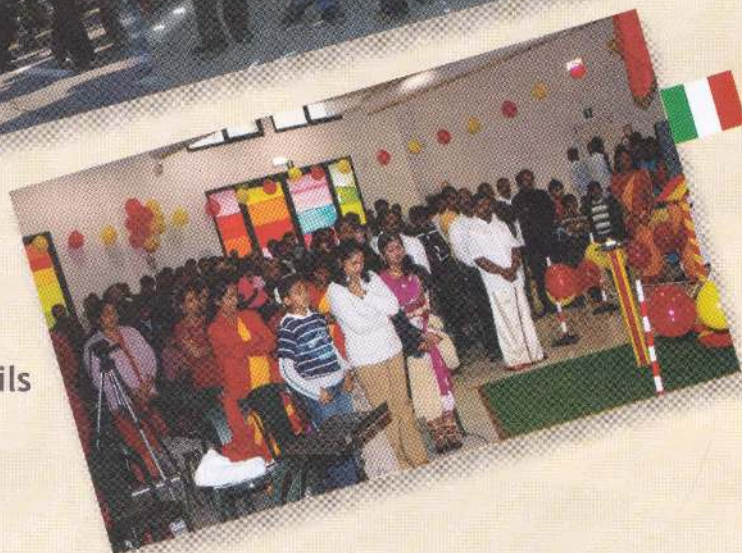




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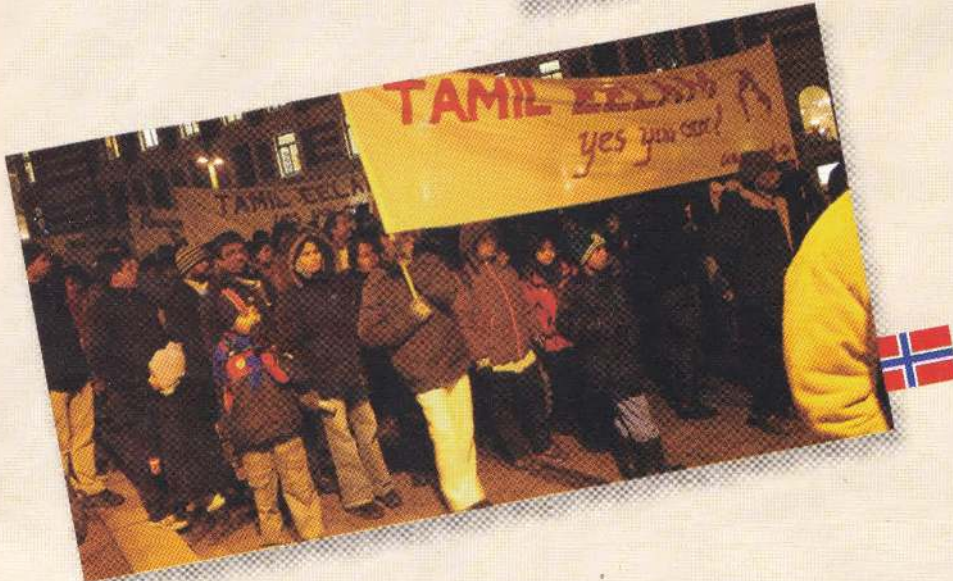
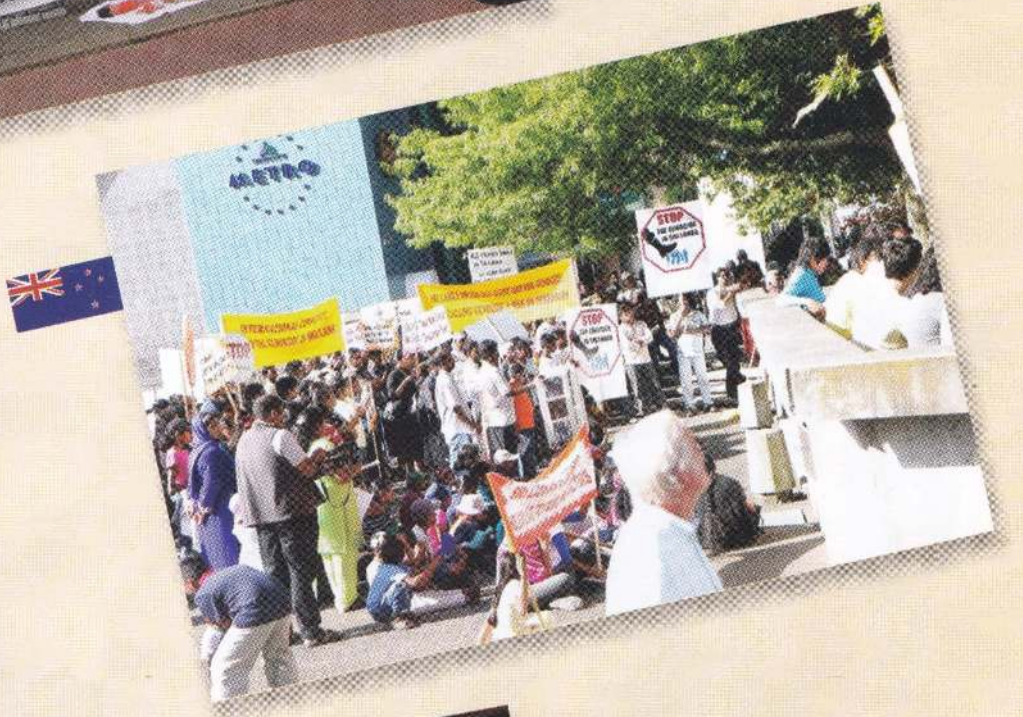


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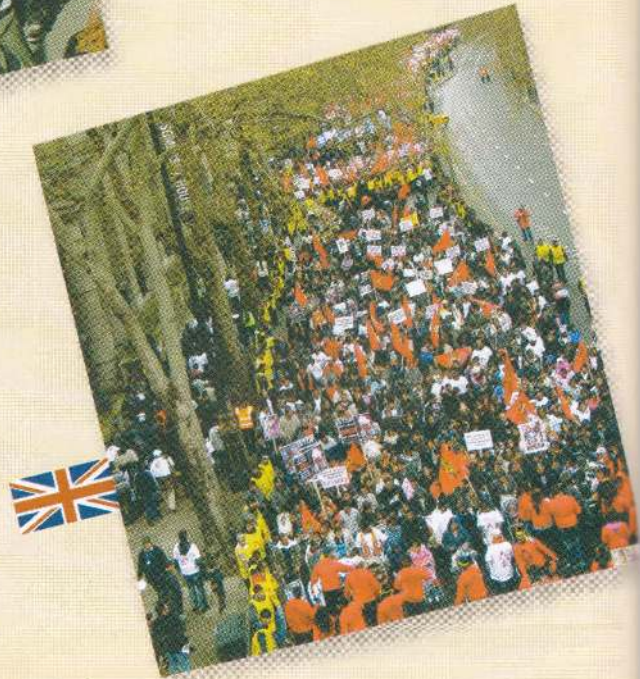


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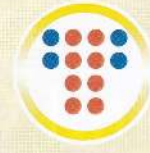
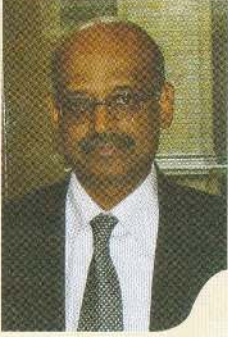




## Global Album - Uprising of Tamils (பொங்கு தமிழ்)







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I congratulate the Directors of the Global Tamil Forum for organising this conference with the participation of the Foreign Secretary, Shadow Foreign Secretaries of the main political parties in Britain and overseas dignitaries.

I am in no doubt this conference will go down in the history of the Tamil Nation as the turning point in the contribution of the global Tamil Diaspora - in our quest for freedom of our homeland. This conference is significant for a number of reasons. It is our opportunity to begin frank discussions with our friends in the international arena about the political future of Tamils, make new friends and explore future trade and collaboration in development with our international partners. This conference shows that the scope and opportunity available to us to make a real difference to our brothers and sisters back home and also achieve our political goal are within our grasp.

I salute all those in making this conference a reality and thank everyone for their support.

**Nathan Kumar,**  
Chairman,  
British Tamils Forum.





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# ஐரோப்பிய தமிழர் ஒன்றியம் Union des Tamouls d'Europe

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“நாம் எதனைக் கேட்கின்றோம். எதற்காக நாம் போராடி வருகிறோம். நாம் எமது மண்ணில் வரலாற்று ரீதியாக எமக்குச் சொந்தமான நிலத்தில் நாம் பிறந்து வாழ்ந்த எமது தாயகப் பூமியில் நாம் நிம்மதியாக கௌரவமாக, எவரது தலையீடுமின்றிச் சுதந்திரமாக வாழ்வதற்கு விரும்புகின்றோம். நாமும் மனிதர்கள், மனிதர்களுக்கான அடிப்படை உரிமைகளைக் கொண்ட ஒரு மனித சமூகம். தனித்துவமான பண்பாட்டு வாழ்வையும் வரலாற்றையும் கொண்ட ஒரு தனித்துவமான இனத்தைச் சார்ந்த மனிதர்கள் நாம். எம்மை ஒரு மனித சமூகமாக தனித்துவப் பண்புகளைக் கொண்ட மக்களாக ஏற்குமாறு கேட்கிறோம். எமது அரசியல் வாழ்வை நாமே தீர்மானித்துக் கொள்ளும் உரிமை எமக்குண்டு. இந்த உரிமையின் அடிப்படையில் நாமே எம்மை ஆளும் வகையில் ஒரு ஆட்சிமுறையை அமைத்து வாழவே நாம் விரும்புகிறோம்.”

என்ற எமது தேசியத்தலைவரின் சிந்தனைக்குச் செயல் வடிவம் கொடுக்க முன்வந்திருக்கும் உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவைக்கு, ஐரோப்பியத் தமிழர் ஒன்றியம் தனது மனமாற்றத் பாராட்டுக்களைத் தெரிவிக்கும் அதேநேரம் எத்தடை வரினும் மனம் தளராது உறுதியுடன் இந்த இலக்கை அடைவதற்கு வாழ்த்துகிறது. மேலும் இவ் அமைப்பின் தாயகம் நோக்கிய விடுதலைத் தொண்டுகளில் ஐரோப்பியத் தமிழர் ஒன்றியமும் கைகோர்ப்பதில் பெருமையடைகிறது என்பதையும் பெருமகிழ்வுடன் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறது.

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"Que demandons-nous ? Pour quelles raisons nous battons-nous ? Nous voulons vivre indépendants, sans aucune ingérence extérieure, dans la dignité, sur notre terre, sur la terre qui nous appartient historiquement, sur la terre de nos ancêtres où nous sommes nés et où nous avons vécu. Nous sommes aussi des Humains. Une société qui revendique ses droits élémentaires. Notre peuple possède une tradition et une histoire particulière. Nous demandons à ce que le Monde reconnaisse notre particularisme. Nous avons le droit de choisir nous-mêmes notre vie politique. Sur la base de ce droit, nous voulons nous auto-gouverner."

Global Tamil Forum œuvre à matérialiser les notions abordées par *les Pensées* de notre Président. A savoir, la concrétisation des désirs et aspirations des tamouls, notamment l'accès à la liberté pour le peuple Tamoul.

L'Union des Tamouls d'Europe applaudit l'initiative entreprise par Global Tamil Forum, et se réjouit de pouvoir participer à cette tâche.

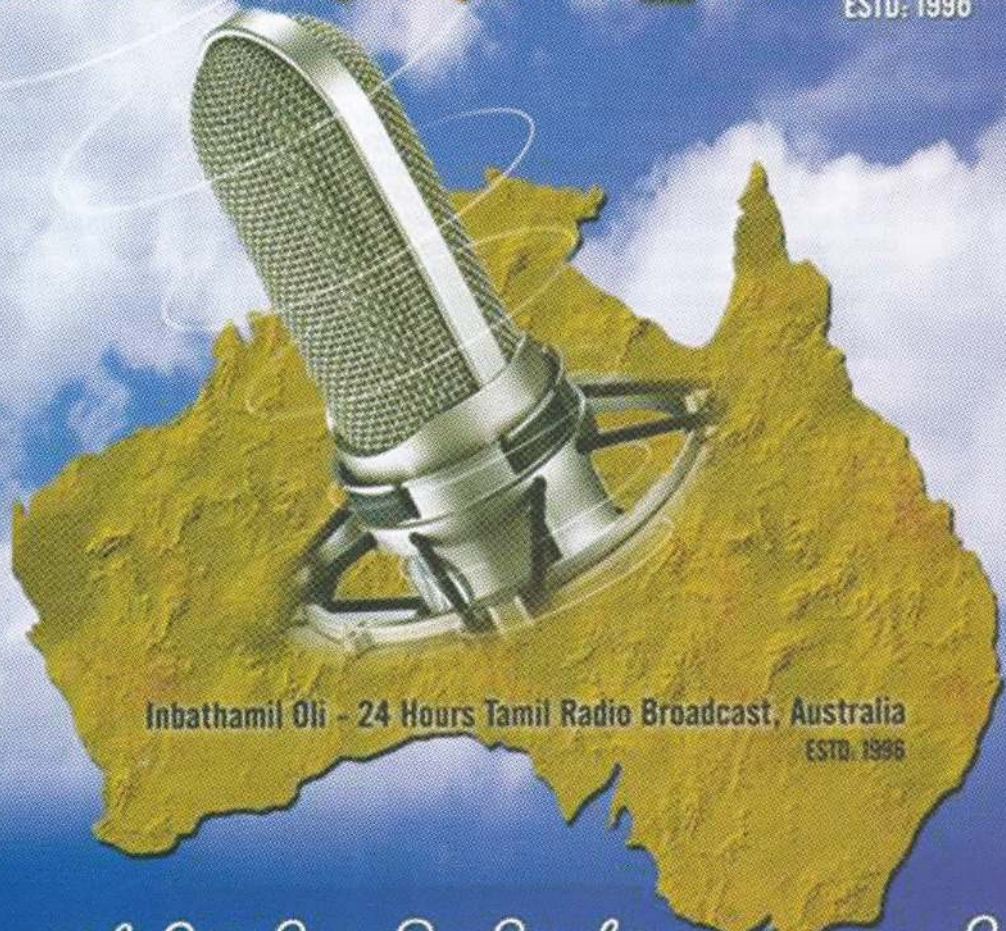
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## Australian Tamil Congress

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### Inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum

The need of the hour is for our Tamil people, in each and every country that we have taken refuge in throughout the world, to unite and form a united world body that envisions the will of our people to live in peace and harmony and with dignity to pursue their own goals and destiny. We need a global organisation that can carry the next phase of our struggle through political dialogue and diplomatic negotiations to make this a reality for our people in Tamil Eelam and globally. To this end the Global Tamil Forum is being inaugurated in London on the 24th of February 2010.

The Australian Tamil Congress is honoured and enthused to be a part of GTF and wish every success in its venture into the new world order in helping to achieve peace and prosperity to all Tamils around the world.

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## Canadian Tamil Congress கனடியத் தமிழர் பேரவை Congrès Tamoul Canadien

“அடம்பன் கொடியும் திரண்டால் மிடுக்கு” என்ற கூற்றுக்கமைய, புலத்தில் வாழும் தமிழர் அமைப்புகளை ஒன்றிணைத்து உருவாக்கிய உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையை அறிமுகப்படுத்தும் வைபவத்தில் கனடியத் தமிழர் பேரவை பெருமிதத்துடன் கலந்து கொள்கிறது. தமிழீழத்தில் அல்லலுறும் எமது மக்களின் விடிவுக்காக, புலத்தில் வாழும் நாம், உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையுடாக ஒங்கியக் குரலெழுப்புவோம் என்று திடமாக நம்புகிறோம்.

Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC) represents the interest of over 300,000 Tamil Canadians, with eleven Chapters located from coast to coast across Canada. On behalf of the Canadian Tamil Congress, it gives me great pleasure in extending our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum. As a Founding Member, the Canadian Tamil Congress joined hands with leading organizations representing Tamils living in 19 countries spanning the globe and worked tirelessly to forge a credible voice for those who are left voiceless in Tamil Eelam and the countless who have been driven out of their homeland.

Le Congrès Tamoul Canadien (CTC) représente les intérêts de plus de 300 000 Tamouls canadiens et regroupe onze sections régionales de côte à côte au Canada. De la part du Congrès Tamoul Canadien, il me fait grand plaisir de vous offrir nos félicitations à l'occasion de l'inauguration du Forum mondial Tamoul. En tant que membre fondateur, le Congrès Tamoul Canadien s'est allié avec les organisations de pointe qui représentent les Tamouls canadiens habitant dans 19 pays autour du monde, et il travail sans repos pour établir une voix crédible pour ceux et celles qui sont pas représentés au Tamoul Eelam et pour les innombrables qui ont été expulsés de leur pays d'origine.

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் பாரிய வளர்ச்சிக்கும், அதன் செயற்திட்டங்கள் வெற்றிபெறவும் எமது நல்லாசிகள்.

Wishing the Global Tamil Forum a sustained growth and great success in its endeavours.  
Je souhaite au Forum mondial Tamoul une croissance viable et un grand succès dans ses démarches.

Yours sincerely,

Professor (Ranjan) R. Sri Ranjan, Ph.D., P.Eng.  
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## Federation of Tamil Associations Denmark

ஓடன்தாரிக் தாமிழ் அனையபுக்களின் ஒன்றியம்

Tamil community in Denmark welcomes the creation of Global Tamil Forum. At this important juncture, the role of Diaspora community is critical in rebuilding the shattered lives of the people of Tamil Eelam and help drive for a just solution to our people. Danish Federation of Tamil Associations, as a Founding Member of Global Tamil Forum, is proud and honoured to be working alongside fellow Diaspora organisations, respective governments and people of all communities in Sri Lanka.

Tamils in Denmark, a relatively small community, have worked tirelessly together with their fellow Danish people to voice their concerns about the grave injustices suffered by the Tamil nation. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Diaspora Tamils on the inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum and thank Governments of United Kingdom and Denmark for their continued interest.

Tamiler i Danmark glæder sig over etableringen af Global Tamil Forum. På dette afgørende tidspunkt, hvor der er brug for eksilsamfundets støtte til genopbygning af det ødelagte liv for befolkningen i Tamil Eelam og støtte til at sætte gang i en retfærdig løsning for vores folk. Dansk sammenslutning af tamilske foreninger, som stiftende medlem af Global Tamil Forum, er stolt og beæret over at arbejde sammen med kolleger fra diasporaorganisationer, respektive regeringer og folk i alle samfund i Sri Lanka.

Tamiler i Danmark, et relativt lille samfund, har arbejdet utrætteligt sammen med deres danske venner på at give udtryk for deres bekymring over de alvorlige uretfærdigheder, der har været påført den tamilske nation. Vi vil gerne benytte denne lejlighed til at lykønske eksiltamilerne med indvielsen af det Globale Tamil Forum og takke regeringerne i Danmark og Storbritannien for deres fortsatte interesse.

### **Maheswaran Ponnampalam**

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Dansk sammenslutning af tamilske foreninger







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The House of Tamil Eelam was created to protect the rights of Tamils in Tamil Eelam and to provide a political representation for the Tamils in France. The governing body is democratically elected by the Tamil people in France. House of Tamil Eelam successfully conducted a referendum on the political aspirations of the Tamils amongst the Tamils in France in which more than 32,000 votes were cast.

The House of Tamil Eelam is joining hands with other members of Global Tamil Forum to represent almost nearly 70 million Tamils spread across four corners of the globe and to be the voice for the voiceless Tamil people in Tamil Eelam. As the one of founding members of the Global Tamil Forum, we extend our congratulations to those who worked tirelessly in the creation of this organization.

La Maison du Tamil Eelam a été créée pour protéger les droits des Tamouls d'Eelam et pour représenter politiquement les Tamouls de France. Elle sera un organe démocratiquement élu par le peuple et pour le peuple. Cette structure a montré sa capacité par l'organisation d'un référendum sur la question de l'aspiration politique au sein de la Diaspora tamoule de France et pour lequel plus de 32 000 tamouls ont participé. Elle a rejoint le Global Tamil Forum pour créer une représentation globale de tous les Tamouls qui vivent aux quatre coins du monde et souhaite être le représentant des 70 millions de Tamouls mais également être la voix des sans voix du Tamil Eelam.

En tant que membre fondateur du Global Tamil Forum, nous souhaitons nos sincères félicitations à tous ceux qui ont travaillé durs pour la création de cette organisation.

தமிழீழ மக்கள் பேரவை- பிரான்சு, ஈழத்தமிழர்களின் உரிமைகளைப் பாதுகாக்கவும் பிரான்சில் உள்ள தமிழர்களை அரசியல் ரீதியாகப் பிரதிநிதித்துவப்படுத்துவதாக உருவாக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது. மக்களால் மக்களுக்கென, சனநாயக முறையில் தேர்தல் மூலம் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டு இயங்கும் அமைப்பாகவே இது இருக்கின்றது. பிரான்சில் வாழும் தமிழர்களின் அரசியல் விருப்புக்கள் தொடர்பான கருத்துக் கணிப்பைச் வெற்றிகரமாகச் செய்திருந்தது. அந்த கருத்துக் கணிப்பில் 32000 இற்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டிருந்தனர். அத்துடன் உலகின் நான்கு மூலைகளிலும் வாழும் தமிழ் மக்களை, 70 மில்லியன் தமிழர்களை, பிரதிநிதித்துவப் படுத்தும் நோக்குடனும் தமிழீழத்தில் குரல் நசுக்கப் பட்டுள்ள நிலையிலுள்ள மக்களின் குரலாகவும் இயங்குவதற்கென உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உருவாக்கத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டுள்ளது. உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உருவாக்கற் குழு உறுப்பினர் என்ற வகையில், இவ் அமைப்பின் உருவாக்கத்திற்குக் கடினமாக உழைத்த அனைவருக்கும் எமது மனமார்ந்த பாராட்டுக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றோம்.

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## Giovani Tamils

### இத்தாலிய இளைய தமிழர்கள்

Today, Tamils living across the world have joined hands to form the Global Tamil Forum. As a member of this Forum, Tamils from Italy are delighted to be part of this momentous occasion. The people in Tamil Eelam deserve every opportunity to live in peace, dignity and work towards their aspirations. GTF will join hands with the global community to create this environment.

The Jewish history has shown the world how a community that has been decimated because of oppression, can work together and hand-in-hand with the global community, to achieve their aspirations. Global Tamil Forum provides this space.

We are delighted to be present at the home of democracy - the British Parliament - to see the inauguration of Global Tamil Forum.

Oggi, i Tamil disseminati in tutto il mondo si sono riuniti per dar vita al "Global Tamil Forum". Come membri di questo Forum, i Tamil d'Italia sono lieti di partecipare a questa importante occasione. Gli abitanti del Tamil Eelam meritano ogni opportunità per vivere in pace, con dignità e per raggiungere le proprie aspirazioni. GTF si unirà con la comunità mondiale per creare e favorire questa condizione.

La storia del popolo Ebreo ha dimostrato al mondo intero come una comunità, decimata da violente repressioni, possa collaborare con la comunità mondiale per raggiungere le proprie aspirazioni. Il Global Tamil Forum provvederà proprio a questo.

Siamo lieti di trovarci al Parlamento britannico per assistere all'inaugurazione del Global Tamil Forum.

**Mylvaganam Basgaran**  
Giovani Tamil







## Malaysian Tamil Forum

மலேசிய தமிழர் பேரவை

Dr N lyngkaran, for and on behalf of Tamil Relief Fund

Malaysian Tamils congratulate the Tamil Diaspora for the timely and visionary formation of the Global Tamil Forum (GTF). We are delighted and honored to participate in GTF's inaugural general annual meeting in London to be opened by the Rt Hon David Miliband, MP and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in the British Government. Mr David Miliband's presence gives GTF credibility and stature. We congratulate and thank Mr Surendran and his team in British Tamil Forum (BTF) for their untiring efforts in organizing this event in such grand scale. We thank Mr Prakash for his selfless uninterrupted secretarial services to GTF since its inception.

Malaysian Tamils are proud and happy to have played a significant role as members of the pioneering Tamil Diaspora team that initiated, conceptualized and established GTF as an umbrella movement to help improve the educational, economic, social and cultural well being of Tamils all over the world in general and in particular help the Tamils in Sri Lanka in the hour of their need. The formation of GTF by the Tamil Diaspora is a clear signal to the world that Tamils are united in their resolve to find an equitable solution to the Tamil problem in Sri Lanka. Our immediate priority is to assist our Tamil brethren in Sri Lanka to live with dignity, self-pride and self-esteem in the land of their ancestors as free and equal people.

Our immediate priority is humanitarian assistance. We need to do more on the social, educational, cultural, health and economic fronts for the Tamils in North and East of Sri Lanka. We need to provide educational support and rebuild Tamil businesses to improve and increase the economic strength of the Tamil people.

The pursuit of a long term political solution addressing the Tamil grievances is vital, indispensable and must continue unabated until we achieve our goals. To this end the Tamil Diaspora needs to be economically strong, have a strong sense of identity, be united and cultivate a strong lobbying power.

We cannot go it alone to achieve our political goals in Sri Lanka. We need the support of all Tamils and the International Community (IC). Therefore commonsense dictates that we must network with other Tamils and the IC. Together we can make GTF a visibly strong institution that can succor the needs and well being of all Tamils. It must create for itself an aura of strength and righteousness. It must promote a broad agenda in its overall vision for the collective progress and prosperity for all Tamils. It would then have gained the clout and stature to influence international opinion.

History shows convincingly that communities immersed in self-help culture, like the Chinese, Sikhs and Jews are some of the most progressive communities. They are communities we must emulate. They have established organizations and institutions that were a key component for the success of their movements. We should study their model for networking.

In GTF we have a powerful tool to improve ourselves individually and collectively. Like all other communities Tamils wish to live a happy, progressive and prosperous life with self-pride and self-esteem among the community of nations. We want to be true to the ideals of our culture and spirituality that has universal appeal and has its roots in the philosophy of Thiruvalluvar.

Friends you will agree we have entered a unique interplanetary constellation that offers immense opportunity to understand each other, garner our collective strength, generate and share ideas and act on a united front to achieve our common goals in Sri Lanka and foster Tamil interests in general. To succeed the single most important ingredient is unity. On this auspicious historical occasion let us rededicate ourselves to our promise to alleviate the suffering of our brethren in North and East of Sri Lanka and find justice for them.







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## Mauritius Tamils மொரிசியஸ் தமிழர்கள்

The formation of the Global Tamil Forum is the single most significant milestone for Diaspora Tamil community spread across the Globe. We at Mauritius Tamils are delighted and proud to be part of this exciting congregation of organisations.

From Vancouver, Canada to Valday, Russia, Tamil Diaspora communities have become an integral part of their respective nations. Mauritius has a long history where Tamils have played an important part in the economic life of the country and nation building.

Close 150,000 stong Tamils of Mauritius, although not from Eelam, feel that the Eelam Tamil community has given pride and recognition of the very existence of Tamils all over the world. We will stand by Global Tamil Forum to ensure that Sri Lanka creates a peaceful place and end the suffering of the Tamil nation.

Global Tamil Forum's vision and mission statement amply tells the world what is expected of the International Community as far as Tamils in Sri Lanka are concerned. By uniting under Global Tamil Forum, we are set out to work with the global community to achieve justice to the oppressed and bring about peace and harmony to the people of Tamil nation.

On this momentous day, Members of Mauritian Tamils are joining hands with fellow Diaspora community for an exciting journey. Congratulations Global Tamil Forum.

Koomaren Chetty







## Tamil Kunst en Cultuur Vereniging Netherland

நெதர்லாந்து தமிழ் கலை பணிபாட்டுக் கழகம்

At this momentous occasion, Tamils in Netherland are delighted and honoured to be part of the Global Tamil Forum. The Tamil Diaspora community has become an integral part of the Global community and we believe, with the creation of Global Tamil Forum, the collective aspirations of these people are brought to the forefront. GTF in partnership with the international community will take forward the call for peace and justice for the Tamil people in the island of Sri Lanka.

Over the years, Tamil Kunst en Cultuur Vereniging has become an institution for Tamils and the people of Netherland to come together to share the culture and history. Participating in GTF enables us to become ever closer to our friends across the globe.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all members of Global Tamil Forum and thank the people of Britain for hosting this inauguration ceremony at their parliament in Westminster on Feb 24, 2010.

**Ruban Thiru**







# நியூசிலாந்து தமிழ்ச்சங்கம்

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The birth of Global Tamil Forum is a significant event in Tamils' history and their political arena. GTF has since its inception become a powerful democratic force and a uniting body of the several millions of global Tamils, and aimed to strategically position itself to take the political struggle of the indigenous Tamils of Eelam for their inalienable rights forward through political and diplomatic avenues and to engage with the rehabilitation and economic development of their homeland.

New Zealand Tamils whole-heartedly extend their well wishes and congratulate GTF on this Inaugural General Meeting, held in London.

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உதயம் தமிழர் வரலாற்றிலும், அவர்களின் அரசியல் செயற்பாடுகளிலும் மிகவும் முக்கியமானதொரு நிகழ்வாகும். உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவை இன்று ஒரு பலம் பொருந்திய ஜனநாயக சக்தியாகவும் உலகத் தமிழரை ஒன்றுபடுத்தும் சக்தியாகவும் உருவாகியுள்ளதுடன் தனது அரசியல் மற்றும் இராஜதந்திர நடவடிக்கைகளாலும் தன்னை உலக அரங்கில் ஒரு முக்கிய கேந்திர ஸ்தானத்தில் நிறுத்தியுள்ளதுடன், இலங்கையின் ஆதி குடிகளான ஈழத் தமிழரின் பிரிக்க முடியாத அடிப்படை உரிமைகளை வென்றெடுக்க முயற்சிப்பதுடன் அவர்களின் புனர்நிர்மாணம் மற்றும் பிரதேச அபிவிருத்திக்கும் தன்னால் இயன்றவரை உதவியளிக்கும் என்பது உறுதி.

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் இந்த ஆரம்ப வருடாந்த விழாவில் நியூசிலாந்து தமிழர் சார்பில் அன்பான வாழ்த்துகள் பல தெரிவிப்பதில் மிகவும் மகிழ்வடைகிறேன்.

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**Landsrådet for Eelam Tamiler i Norge**  
**Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils**

We at Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils (NCET) are delighted to know about the Inaugural General Meeting of the Global Tamil Forum to be held in London, 23-26 February, 2010.

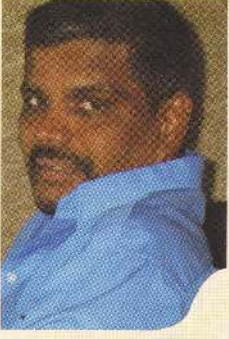
As a grass root level organization that derives its strength from the people of Tamil Eelam origin and their descendants living in Norway, we are elated to be part of GTF which has the laudable objective, among others, to work for achieving self-sufficiency, sustainability and equal opportunity for Eelam Tamils.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Global Tamil Forum on this momentous occasion and wish the participants great success in all their future endeavours.

**Dr. Panchakulasingam Kandiah**  
President







## Swedish Tamil Forum சுவிடிஷ் தமிழர் பேரவை

I mark this event as a milestone in Tamil Diaspora efforts to bring ever lasting peace, freedom and reconciliation for the people of Tamil Eelam. The founding of this organisation is an important step on the long journey.

For too long, the people of Tamil Eelam have lived in constant fear of displacement, exploitation and an overwhelming state violence. Their yearning for a life in freedom, peace and stability must be the main focus for the GTF.

The search for freedom, peace and prosperity will not be smooth, nor will it be achieved quickly. Let us hope that the building of GTF will give added momentum to the cause and encourage all other existing organisations to join in our common endeavor.

On behalf of the Tamil Diaspora living in Sweden I wish GTF every success on its journey.

**Govindarajah Jeganmohan**  
Chairman





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## The United States Tamil Political Action Council அமெரிக்க தமிழ் அரசியல் செயலவை

The United States Tamil Political Action Council (USTPAC) is pleased to be part of the Global Tamil Forum (GTF), and sends its felicitations to the inaugural meeting of the GTF in London. Though small in number in the Tamil Diaspora, recognizing the importance of the United States in world affairs, the Tamil Americans have organized themselves and work hard to bring a political solution to Eelam Tamils. USTPAC is advancing Tamil interests in three fronts, namely, political advocacy, economic boycott of Sri Lanka, and, seeking justice to war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated on Tamils.

USTPAC has contributed to the efforts of GTF in rehabilitating the war affected people in the Tamil homeland. We believe that GTF should further strengthen its efforts in providing assistance in educational, physical and mental health needs, resettlement and creating means of livelihoods. We are grateful to the humanitarian assistance provided by the US, Australia and EU countries to the Tamils in the NorthEast. We appeal to the world governments to work with GTF to coordinate relief and resettlement assistance.

Tamils in the homeland in Sri Lanka have paid a heavy price for freedom and equality. The Diaspora Tamils united under GTF shall work tirelessly by peaceful means to bring about a UN sponsored referendum where the homeland Tamils and the exiled Diaspora Tamils together will determine the terms of coexistence with the Sinhala people in the island of Sri Lanka. "... the Tamil people are being disenfranchised and victimized by the Sri Lanka authorities. This injustice must stop. The Tamil people must be allowed to live in peace and flourish in their homeland." -Professor Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate

Sincerely,  
**Elias Jeyarajah, PhD**  
President, USTPAC  
[www.ustpac.org](http://www.ustpac.org)

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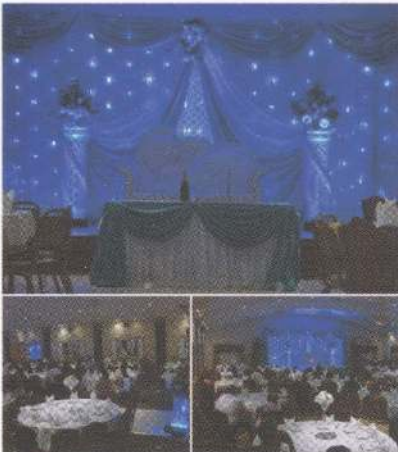
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