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Press Release

Condemnation for the killing of peace negotiator Mr. S.P.Thamilchelvan and an appeal to International Community to rein the Sri Lankan government

We strongly condemn the dastardly act of killing of Mr.S.P.Thamilchelvan, political head of LTTE and chief peace negotiator, who has participated in several peace negotiations with the Sri Lankan government delegation with confidence, tactfulness and firm determination with the intention of bringing peace and prosperity to our people who have long been suffering by suppression of their basic human rights by aerial bombardment launched by Sri Lankan government Air Force on 2nd November, 2007.

We are in profound shock and grief about the demise of Mr.S.P.Thamilchelvan who has encouraged the humanitarian organizations of whatever affiliation and facilitated their work wholeheartedly for the benefit of the people he loved.

NGOO Consortium - as a district coordinating mechanism for all humanitarian work is also interested in programmes that bring peace, communal harmony and reconciliation. Apart from that our activities are aimed at promoting human rights of internally displaced and vulnerable people such as differently able, women and children.

The Sri Lankan government is already on the dock by perpetrating criminal offences grossly and persistently against humanitarian and human rights activists and lately the political leaders who are striving for a negotiated settlement through a peace process and thereby permanently closing the door for peace and unleashing war with catastrophic consequences exacerbating the suffering of the people in the NorthEast. Already 59 NGOO workers have been killed by state security forces in collaboration with paramilitary armed groups in the NorthEast of the country. As a humanitarian coordinating entity we oppose this state terror tactics.

We bring this fact to the international community and appeal to them to take steps to prevail upon the government of Sri Lanka to stop these acts which would lead to war and human suffering.

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