



## இரண்டாம் வட்டுக்கோடையடித் தீர்மானக் குழு Committee for 2nd Vaddukkodai Resolution

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaddukkodai Resolution

We resolve that India's involvement in finding out a solution to the ethnic crises in Sri Lanka is the need of the hour and that India should intervene with immediate effect.

The Tamil conflict is dragging on since independence and ever since Independence Sri Lanka took several steps to persecute the Tamil people.

One of the first steps against Tamils was to cancel the citizenship of Tamils who were brought by the British from India over two hundred years ago. It was followed by Government sponsored Sinhalese settlements in Tamil areas. Several more laws were also passed against Tamils, like the Sinhala only Act in 1956. This was followed by several pogroms against Tamil people beginning in 1958.

Several agreements between the Tamil leaders and the Sri Lanka Government also failed, due to non compliance by the Government.

Even Indo - Sri Lanka Accord signed over thirty years ago was not implemented by the Government and one of the aspects of the Accord of United Tamil areas of North East of the island was invalidated by the Judiciary.

In this situation, we strongly believe that only way to end the decades long conflict is to find a solution based on the Vaddukkodai Resolution adopted in 1976 by the joint Tamil leadership - Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) -consisting of the Tamil political parties in the North - East and in the upcountry.

This Vaddukkodai Resolution called for a political solution based on Self-Determination.

TULF ran on this Vaddukodai Resolution as their election platform in the 1977 parliamentary elections and overwhelmingly won the election and received a solid mandate for calling for a political solution based on Self-Determination.

We are concerned that the government sponsored rapid settlement of Sinhalese community in Tamil areas may result in Tamils becoming minority in our traditional homeland of the North and East of the island and it will make Sinhalese getting upper hand in any political settlement.

We also would like to point out that Sri Lankan Government is using development in Tamil areas as a pretext to accelerate Sinhalese settlements in Tamil areas and to give foothold to Chinese government backed companies.

Additionally, Government is destroying and replacing Hindu Temples with Buddhist Temples in Tamil areas as another way to increase Sinhalese settlements.

We strongly urge the Government of India to take steps as a matter of urgency to stop Sinhalese settlements in Tamil areas under different pretexts.

This resolution seeks India's immediate and direct involvement in protecting and preserving the identity of Eelam Tamils as a 'Traditional Home Land', a land (Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka) that has been their Home Land for thousands of years since time immemorial.

In closing, we again reiterate our request to help find a political solution based on Self-Determination as called for by the Vaddukodai Resolution.

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