



Eelam Tamils Independence Referendum Conference - 2024

Joint Declaration by the People of Tamil Nadu

Chennai, Tamil Nadu - February 03, 2024

Whereas from time immemorial, the people of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil people of Eelam on the island presently known as Sri Lanka have been linked together by common origin of ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious heritage, and the people of Tamil Nadu have historically provided assistance and protection to the Eelam Tamils;

Whereas the Eelam Tamils were the original inhabitants of the island, there were separate sovereign Tamil and Sinhalese kingdoms in their respective homelands on the island until the invasion by Portuguese, Dutch and the British starting from the 16th century, and only in 1833, the whole island was united by the British, thereafter, when the British left the island in 1948, the power was unilaterally transferred to the Sinhalese without the consent of the Tamils, and the Tamils were not given any opportunity to exercise their right to self-determination; and

Whereas the Sinhalese dominated Sri Lankan governments since 1948, oppressed and ruled the Eelam Tamils, killed thousands of Tamil people, committed Tamil Genocide, and presently engaged in aggressive and rapid destruction of Tamils' homeland with the goal of transforming the island into a mono-Sinhalese Buddhist country;

Now, therefore, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, be it declared that:

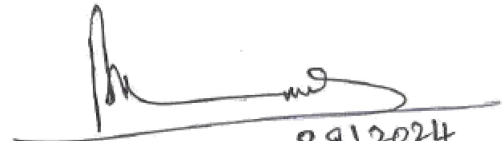
1. The Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987, which recognizes the Northern and Eastern provinces as Tamils' areas of historical habitation, grants international recognition to the Eelam Tamils' homeland, and the Prime Minister of India gave assurance to the six Eelam Tamils' armed independence organizations and to their major political party Tamils United Liberation Front that India will ensure the permanent merger of North-East provinces, which it ensured for 19 years, until Sri Lanka unilaterally demerged the North-East province in 2007, hence India must take steps to permanently merge the contiguous North-East provinces and safeguard the homeland of Eelam Tamils, and uphold its commitment;
2. Since Sri Lanka is aggressively engaged in the activities of appropriations of Tamil lands, destruction of Tamil-historical sites and construction of Sinhalese settlements and Buddhist temples, with the

goal of destroying the Eelam Tamils' homeland, India must urgently take steps to halt these anti-Tamil activities and protect the homeland of Eelam Tamils;

3. India must not compel or impose the 13th Amendment to Sri Lanka's constitution, as a political solution to the Eelam Tamils' political issue, as it has already been rejected by the Eelam Tamil people;
4. India must formally recognize the Eelam Tamils' inalienable right to self-determination and assist them to freely determine their political status in their traditional homeland in the North-East region of the island, in accordance with international laws;
5. India must work with international allies and the United Nations to urgently setup a UN Transitional Administration in the North-East region of the island to safeguard the Tamils and to ensure non-recurrence of Genocide and other past violations by Sri Lanka against the Tamils, and, in order to implement the self-determination of the Eelam Tamils and Diaspora, take steps to conduct an Independence Referendum to freely, legally and peacefully determine the political status of the independent sovereign state of Tamil Eelam; and
6. India must support and lead activities by the United Nation Human Right Council to serve justice to the Tamils for the crime of Genocide and other international crimes committed by Sri Lanka, and take urgent initiatives to move the case to the International Criminal Court and to the International Court of Justice.



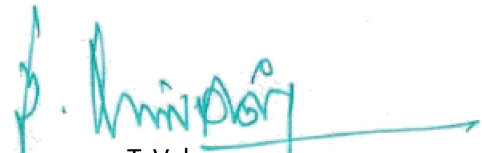
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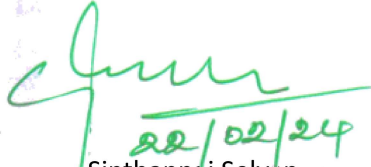
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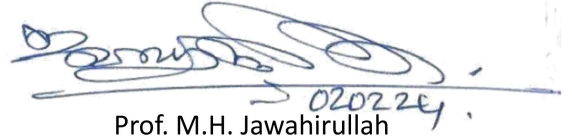
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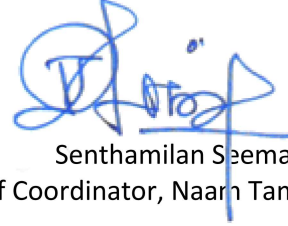
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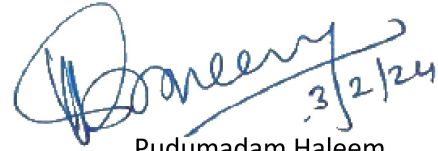


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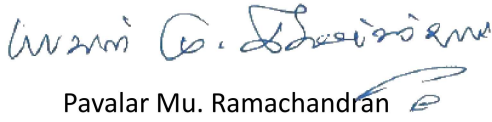


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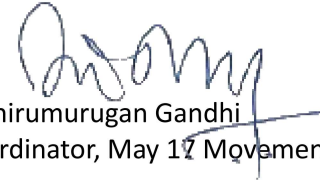
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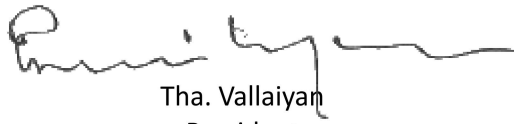
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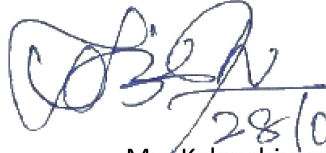
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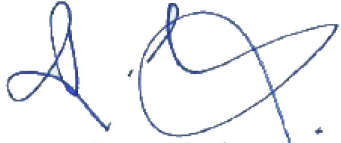
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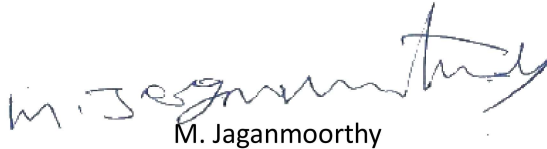
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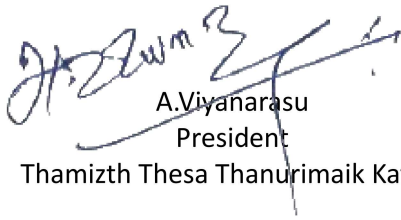
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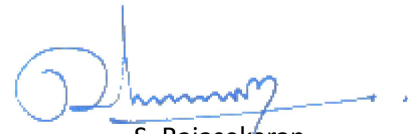
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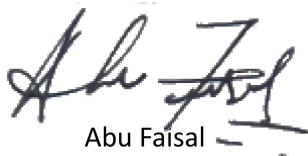
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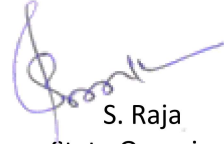
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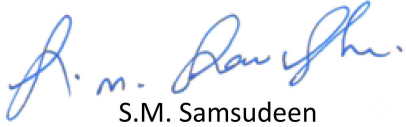
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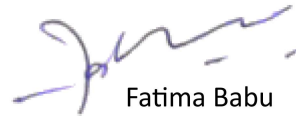
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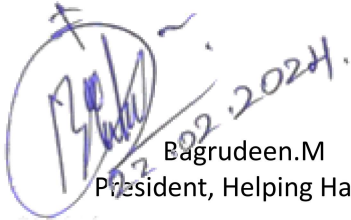
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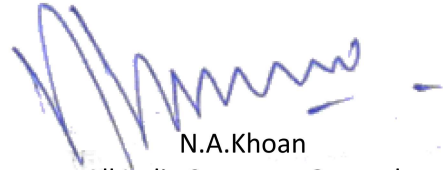
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