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Association for Relatives of the Enforced Disappearances

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Kandy Road, Kilinochchi

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Chairperson and Committee Members  
Core Group on Sri Lanka  
United Nations Human Rights Council  
Geneva

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We, the relatives of those who were forcibly disappeared by the Sri Lankan security forces and affiliated paramilitary groups in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, have been struggling for justice for over sixteen years. We have been holding a continuous protest outside the Kandaswamy Temple in Kilinochchi Since 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Now it is exceeding 3000 days. Tragically, hundreds of parents who stood with us in this fight have passed away without ever learning the fate of their missing children.

Over these long years, some cases dating back as far as four decades, we have tirelessly exposed the Sri Lankan government's pattern of deception to the international community in our pursuit of truth and justice. The recent adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 60/1, led by the United Kingdom and co-sponsored by sixty nations, has offered us renewed hope. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made that resolution possible.

As the three-year documentation mandate of the Office on Sri Lanka and Accountability Project (OSLAP) nears its conclusion in September, we take this moment to acknowledge the immense and critical work of the OSLAP team. Their efforts in collecting and safeguarding our evidence have been vital. We believe that extending this mandate would be a profound act of solidarity and support.

We therefore respectfully urge the following actions:

Refer Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court (ICC) through the UN Security Council, to ensure accountability for the atrocity crimes committed during the final stages of the civil war and the ongoing human rights violations.



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Adopt a follow-up resolution that extends OSLAP's work and establishes a concrete international judicial mechanism to investigate and prosecute those responsible for enforced disappearances.

Extend OSLAP's documentation mandate beyond September, enabling them to continue their essential work on our behalf.

For over a decade, domestic mechanisms in Sri Lanka have failed to deliver justice, accountability, or genuine reconciliation. Instead, we have endured continued impunity, militarization, unlawful land appropriation, and the systematic erosion of Tamil civil and political rights. The time has come for the international community to act decisively in pursuit of meaningful justice.

Most of us, more than ninety percent are elderly mothers. We do not know how much time we have left, and our deepest wish is to see justice served in our lifetimes. Many of our loved ones have been missing for up to forty years. We plead with you: on 25 September, adopt a resolution that ensures Sri Lanka faces a credible international judicial process.

This is our one, true, and final plea.

General Secretary

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Secretary  
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