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### **British Tamils Forum endorses Independent Tamil MEP Candidate**

British Tamils Forum (BTF) endorses the candidacy of Ms Jan Jananayagam, who is standing as an Independent candidate, in the forthcoming European Parliamentary Election for the London constituency, on 4 June.

Ms Jananayagam has been an ardent campaigner for human rights, with special interest in campaign against genocide.

BTF has been established to work for peace, with justice and dignity for Tamils. The Forum has found common ground between their aspirations and those of Ms Jananayagam.

BTF reiterates its non-political party affiliation and neutrality in British politics. However, the current dire situation in Sri Lanka, where the Tamils have been subjected to genocide by the brutal Sri Lankan State, has distressed the membership. After wide consultation with the membership, BTF has decided to endorse this independent candidate.

BTF believes the candidacy of Ms Jananayagam will vitalise the participation of British Tamils in the electoral process in Britain.

BTF calls upon its members to actively campaign among Tamils and the larger population for the election of Ms Jananayagam to the European Parliament.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

**British Tamils Forum** exists to harness the skills and the knowledge of the members of the forum, well-wishers and significant others including mainstream decision makers in the UK with the aim of alleviating the sufferings of the Tamil community in the Island of Sri Lanka and to further their right to self determination within a democratic framework underpinned by international law, its covenants and conventions. The forum was set-up in 2006 when, with the support of 88 British Tamil community organisations, it also published an open letter in the Times newspaper. For more information [admin@tamilsforum.com](mailto:admin@tamilsforum.com) and/or visit: [www.tamilsforum.com](http://www.tamilsforum.com)