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Your Excellency
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Sir,

The Tamil Women's Organisation, the Tamil Youth Organisation jointly with the British Tamil Forum, an umbrella organisation, representing various Tamil civil organisations in the United Kingdom would like to bring to your urgent attention of the genocide of Tamils by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL).

The Tamil civilians are in desperate need of protection, medical care, food and essential humanitarian relief as reported by the UN Agencies. There are 350,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Mullaitivu area. These internally displaced have moved numerous times (in most cases up to 10 times) over the past year. They are living under trees, in makeshift shelters, without access to adequate water, sanitation facilities, food or medicine.

There are no words to explain the loss of lives and trauma that the people in Wanni face from daily artillery barrages by the Sri Lankan Armed Forces. ICRC estimates, only half of the population has been able to move into the so-called

"Safe Zone(s)" because there is not enough space for the entire population. Even the so-called 'Safe Zones' are not safe. The shelling of civilians by the Government forces in the Safe Zones is well documented.

Sir, as the major regional power, India is the only nation that can exert real pressure on Sri Lanka to end its military aggression against Tamils. On behalf of the UK Tamils that the Forum and above mentioned organisations represent I plea with you to take immediate steps to act decisively to end the suffering of our brethren back home by calling for an immediate ceasefire in Sri Lanka.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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