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(FOMSO)**

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Your Excellency

RE: WAR CRIMES IN SRI LANKA

To begin with we would like to extend our Heartiest Congratulations on
Your Excellency's re-election as UN Secretary General for a second term.

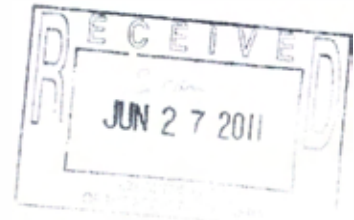
This is a global endorsement of your meritorious services to humanity in the course of Your
Excellency's first term.

The Federation of Malaysian Sri Lankan Organizations (FOMSO) is a non-political
umbrella body formed in 2000 under the laws of Malaysia. Its main objectives are to unite,
coordinate and strengthen the economic, cultural and social needs of Malaysians of Sri
Lankan origin. Currently, FOMSO has 18 affiliates, the membership of which constitutes
a substantial number of Malaysians of Sri Lankan origin.

Our concern with regard to Sri Lanka is primarily humanitarian.

On 16 March 2009 we wrote to Your Excellency about our concerns regarding the
escalating war in Sri Lanka and urged Your Excellency's intervention to abate it. A copy of
our letter is attached.

As part of FOMSO's humanitarian program from early 2009, FOMSO has been providing
relief and aid to some of the thousands of displaced Sri Lankans in Sri Lanka and those
refugees in Malaysia. Humanitarian relief includes provision of medical services,
distribution of food items, education for the children and adults, securing and providing
accommodation, encouraging self-support programs, support orphanages, provide
counseling services etc. As part of the post war rehabilitation program, FOMSO has
visited Sri Lanka several times and set up computer learning centers, artificial limb
replacement facility, distributed 500 bicycles, supported libraries, donated medicines and
provided financial aid in the North and East. This program of rehabilitation and rebuilding
continues.



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In our ongoing interaction with the displaced Sri Lankans, we have come to better understand the plight of innocent Tamil civilians. During our visits we have also seen the damaged houses, hospitals, schools, commercial establishments and infrastructure. Thus far there is no visible evidence of rebuilding of homes in the North and East although much has been promised. People in the North and East continue to need substantial financial aid, medicines, schools, homes, roads and many basic necessities to get back to semblance of normalcy.

While humanitarian efforts by other organizations and FOMSO continue, we have also written to the President of Sri Lanka twice, met with him in Colombo and impressed upon him and some senior cabinet ministers, the need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the destroyed North and East Sri Lanka on an urgent basis. Importantly, we have urged the Government to give the Tamils their due rights so that they can live in peace, harmony and with dignity as they have lived in their motherland for centuries.

The recent worldwide telecast by BBC Channel 4 about the "killing fields of Sri Lanka" is probably the most telling and vivid pictorial description and documentation of the apparent massacre by the Sri Lankan army mostly done in May 2009. The LTTE apparently used civilians as human shields and killed those fleeing for safety. They too must be made accountable for their crimes. We are shocked, saddened and indeed upset that the United Nations and the rest of the world watched this massacre and did not help the Tamils in their hour of need. In contrast, the recent turmoil in the middle-east has drawn world attention for sympathy and support.

Your Excellency, we urge on the strongest possible humanitarian grounds, that the United Nations initiate immediate investigations and if the findings confirm that indeed war crimes were committed in that magnitude, appropriate action be taken against the perpetrators consistent with international law. Killing, rapes, torture of thousands of innocent helpless lives cannot be overlooked. This is man-induced catastrophe done with the support of some world powers with complete disregard to human life.

Without justice is done, we believe there will be no lasting peace or prosperity in Sri Lanka. Until commensurate action is taken against the wrong doers, the stigma will haunt the United Nations and the civilized world for a serious wrong done and not punished. The world is anxiously watching, waiting for answers.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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16th March, 2009

The Secretary General
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Your Excellency,

RE: MEMORANDUM - CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMANITARIAN
SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

1. The Federation of Malaysian Sri Lankan Organizations (FOMSO) is a non-political umbrella body formed to unite, coordinate and strengthen the economic, cultural and social needs of the members of the various Sri Lankan Organizations in Malaysia. Currently 19 of the Malaysian Sri Lankan Organizations, including the major ones, are members of FOMSO. A Board of Management consisting of elected office bearers, with an Executive Committee, manage FOMSO. Regular meetings, dialogues and social events are held to implement various programs to benefit the member organizations and their members.

2. We refer to the war in Sri Lanka and have serious concerns about the extensive conflict that has and is perishing, injuring and displacing thousands of Sri Lankan citizens. Some are fleeing the country, many are dying, thousands are being displaced and youths are recruited and pushed into the forefront of the battleground, as evident from recent international news media, via television footages, the press, the radio and the internet. The current situation is appalling. It is alarming that such hardship and suffering is being inflicted on the innocent Sinhalese and Tamil, be they Buddhist, Hindu, Christian or Muslim. It is a humanitarian tragedy of mammoth proportion. The tragedy is magnified by the fact that it appears inexorable and relentless.

3. Something must be done to stop the suffering of the innocent. Right thinking people, including Governments must vocalize their outrage and concern. We cannot be bystanders. The pain and suffering of the innocent victims invoke a natural reaction of care and concern in the hearts of Humanity.

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4. In this context we urge immediate intervention by Your Excellency to, first, bring intense international pressure on the parties to the conflict to find an urgent solution to the plight of the 200,000 or so, who are trapped in the war zone.

5. Political problems must be resolved in a dignified, fair and equitable manner such that the loyalty and dignity of all Sri Lankan peoples are preserved for the long term peace, security, development and economic progress of the country. It undoubtedly requires courage and compassionate action on the part of the Government of the day. Current events in Sri Lanka seem to pave the way for more hatred as military options seem the preferred choice for the solution of the conflict. Some of the reports are alarming to the extent of indicating activities genocidal in nature.

6. Experience and History dictate that for permanent peace and prosperity, Sri Lanka needs to find a path of an amicable political solution. In this context, therefore, we earnestly seek Your Excellency's intervention with the Sri Lankan Government to:

- xvii. declare and implement an immediate ceasefire to curtail the horrendous hardship, suffering and death of innocent Sri Lankans;
- xviii. address the root causes of the concerns and conflict that are plaguing this nation of great history and culture;
- xix. determine and implement a workable political solution for long term peace and prosperity, and
- xx. allow international aid agencies to provide food, shelter and medical aid to the innocent victims of the on-going conflict.

7. FOMSO is appealing for Your Excellency's urgent intervention to abate the needless tragic human suffering and hardship of Sri Lankans, irrespective of their ethnic background. In war nobody is the victor!

8. With peace in place, we in FOMSO, as with many other organizations and governments around the world, will be happy to join in rebuilding the nation to regain its past glory for the benefit of its entire people.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


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President,
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