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Honorable Horst Seehofer  
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Dear Honorable Seehofer,

## **RE: Urgent Request To Halt Mass Deportation**

Greetings from the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam ("TGTE").

The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) respectfully requests your office to immediately halt mass deportation of Tamils to Sri Lanka.

Recently, the American Professors on Sri Lankan politics submitted the friend of the court brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in connection with a Sri Lankan Tamil case. In that brief, they stated inter alia:

The Sri Lankan government's post-war brutality has been severe and inhumane. Victims describe "asphyxiation using plastic bags, [being] drenched in kerosene, the pulling out of fingernails, the insertion of needles beneath the fingernails, the use of various forms of water torture, the suspension of individuals for several hours by their thumbs, and the mutilation of genitals."9 The British Supreme Court recently detailed one Tamil man's experience of state-sponsored torture as follows: his "captors had [] applied hot metal rods to his arm while he was conscious; that the pain had rendered him unconscious; that, while he remained unconscious, they had applied the rods to his back; that, when he regained consciousness, they had further increased the severity of the pain by pouring petrol on him and threatening to set him alight."10

I am attaching a copy of the brief with this email correspondence.

According to the U.S. Department of State Country Reports in Sri Lanka, impunity for torture remains a serious problem. Ben Emmerson, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture stated,

“the Tamil community has borne the brunt of the State’s well-oiled torture apparatus, as the law is used disproportionately against them”.

I am also bringing to your attention one of the recommendations to the Member States of the UN by United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Honorable Michelle Bachelet is:

“Review asylum measures with respect to Sri Lankan nationals to protect those facing reprisals and avoid any refoulement in cases that present real risk of torture or other serious human rights violations”. [A/HRC/46/20]

Germany, as a party to the Convention Against Torture, also has a legal obligation to protect individuals from being subjected to torture.

In view of the above, I sincerely hope your office will reconsider your decision and provide sanctuary to the Tamils.

Sincerely,



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*The TGTE is a political entity of Eelam Tamil diaspora originally from the island of Sri Lanka. based on the principles of democracy, transparency, and accountability. It has held elections in twelve countries around the world. One of the purposes of the formation of the TGTE is to ensure accountability for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.*

*On April 29th, 2015 we launched a signature calling for the referral of Sri Lanka to the ICC. Within three months, more than 1.5 million signatures were secured, including more than 70,000 signatures from Sri Lanka. Also, following the passage of the UN Human Rights Council Resolution (A/HRC/30/1), the TGTE appointed a Monitoring and Accountability Panel (MAP) comprised of Marie Guiraud (France), Peter Haynes (United Kingdom), QC, Richard J. Rogers (United Kingdom), Heather Ryan (USA), and Justice Ajit Prakash Shah (India). Mr. Geoffrey Robertson, QC (United Kingdom) acted as a consultant to this panel. The MAP was given mandate to monitor Sri Lanka’s compliance with the HRC Resolution. (<http://war-victims-map.org>)*

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