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RE: Statement of Support for Ambihai Selvakumar

I give my solidarity to Ms Ambihai Selvakumar, who is currently on her 10th day of a hunger strike which seeks to bring about justice for the treatment of Tamils by the Sri Lankan Government. It has now been 12 years since the end of the civil war and its aftermath continues to devastate the Tamil population.

Sri Lanka continues to have the second highest enforced disappearance rate in the world with between 60,000 and 100,000 enforced disappearances since the 1980s. The majority of these are Tamil people, and families of these people have received little support. No one has been held criminally responsible for these disappearances. Sri Lankan authorities have continued to avoid accountability for these matters.

Ms Selvakumar and Tamil people around the world are calling upon the UK Government to support the struggle for human rights and protection against atrocities. I support them in this call.

I call upon the UK Government and the international community to address the ongoing human rights abuses perpetrated against the Tamil people.

Regards,

Greens MP and Justice Spokesperson David Shoebridge