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## For Immediate Release

The British Tamil Conservatives (BTC) welcome the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution promoting reconciliation, accountability, and human rights in Sri Lanka.

We thank Her Majesty's Government, Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab, Minister for South Asia Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) team for sponsoring the resolution and leading the efforts to ensure the resolution was adopted.

We are also pleased the Conservative party has acted on its 2019 manifesto pledge of using international initiatives to deliver justice in Sri Lanka.

This resolution mandates the setting up of an evidence collection mechanism under the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and keeps Sri Lanka firmly on the UNHRC agenda. Furthermore, it acknowledges the failure of domestic mechanisms and recognises the deteriorating human rights conditions in Sri Lanka.

We hope the resolution will be a step towards achieving accountability in Sri Lanka through an international judicial mechanism. It is now time for the member states, including the United Kingdom to take onboard the recommendations of her excellency Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and take legal action based on Universal Jurisdiction, apply travel bans against Sri Lankan officials and trade sanctions against Sri Lanka.

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