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RE: Halt Mass Deportation of Asylum Seekers to Sri Lanka

Dear Honourable Ambassador,

On behalf of Rohingya Action Ireland, I am writing to your office with a great concern about the mass deportation of Tamil and Muslim asylum seekers from Germany to Sri Lanka on March 30, 2021.

As the world's most persecuted community, nearly a million Rohingya have fled our native home in Myanmar (commonly known as Burma) seeking places of sanctuary and safety following Myanmar Military's campaigns of genocide between 2016 and 2017.

Similarly, the Tamil community has faced decades of human rights abuses at the hands of the Sri Lankan government, which Permanent People's Tribunal "unanimously ruled Sri Lanka guilty of the crime of genocide against the Tamil people".

On March 23, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a resolution "Promotion of Reconciliation Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka" against Sri Lanka for its war crimes on the Tamil community.

A UN report released in January 2021 "warns that the failure of Sri Lanka to address past violations has significantly heightened the risk of human rights violations being repeated... It highlights worrying trends over the past year, such as deepening impunity, increasing militarization of governmental functions, ethno-nationalist rhetoric, and intimidation of civil society."

Moreover, current Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa who were implicated for the gravest crimes against the Tamil community at the heights of the Sri Lankan Civil War, continue to lead the country with full impunity.

It is extremely worrying that Germany, which sets an example in welcoming, embracing and providing places of sanctuary to people fleeing wars and persecutions, now plans to deport around 100 Tamils to Sri Lanka which continues to deny justice, accountability and safety to the persecuted Tamil community.

The deportation of asylum seekers will embolden the government of Sri Lanka in its continuous failure to provide justice, and leave a great stain for Germany for forcibly sending the asylum seekers back to the danger against their will.





Rohingya Action Ireland calls on Germany to immediately halt the deportation of Tamil asylum seekers and grant a place in Germany where they can rebuild their lives away from fear, and they can proudly call it their home.

With regards,

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