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18th May 2021

**PARLIAMENT** 

High Commissioner Human Rights Human Rights High Commission United Nations, Geneva

Madam.

Re: Mullivaikkal Remembrance Day 2021 - 18th May, Aspiring Peace to Pieces

We write to you on behalf of all the Tamil people collectively, to register our despair, anger and disappointment on the recent barbaric and uncivilised acts of violence on this day – a day meant for silent contemplation and prayers. A day dedicated to the horrific demise of 40-60,000 innocent Tamil people, who perished as a result of indiscriminate shelling, bombing and firing by the Sri Lankan Military during April and May 2009

A monument is described as a building or sculpture erected as a memorial. And to destroy such a monument to pieces (an act carried out by the armed forces, directed by those ruling the country) is nothing but shameful. Such a crude act may smash the monument materialistically to pieces but will not blind the dedication and respect that will continue to be dedicated to those who were killed in Mullivaikkal and neighbouring villages on the north-east coast of Sri Lanka. No army in the world, no destructive weapons in the world can destroy the memory of the innocent children, adults and the elderly who were slaughtered with intent. The Tamils world over will continue to remember this day generation after generation, to observe silence and offer prayers for these innocent souls to rest in peace. This will continue to be a day not for revenge or vindictiveness, but one of quiet contemplation, despite the ongoing jingoistic outlook of those who currently govern Sri Lanka.

Therefore, we humbly request that you record these incidents leading up to the Remembrance Day, as has been passed on the recent UN resolution along with the on-going incidents of violations of human rights, land-grab, discrimination and detaining innocent Tamil people.

To be signed by all the leaders and parliamentarians

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