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Ms Saroja Sirisena
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Your Excellency,

Re: Mullivaikal Tamil Genocide Memorial Monument

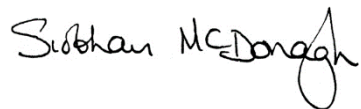
I am writing to outline my strong concern following the destruction of the Mullivaikal Tamil Genocide Memorial Monument at Jaffna University in Sri Lanka.

As Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Tamil Community, I have this weekend been contacted by thousands of members of the Tamil Community stating their distress at this deeply worrying attack on Tamil remembrance. I understand that the memorial was unveiled in 2019 to mark the 10 year anniversary of the killings at Mullivaikal, serving as a hugely important memorial site for the Tamil Community. It's destruction completely undermines the process of truth, justice and accountability that will set Sri Lanka on a path to lasting peace

Please can you outline what response you will be taking as High Commissioner and what urgent representations you will be making to the Sri Lankan Government?

I ask for your urgent response.

Yours sincerely,



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