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**Sri Lanka**

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His Excellency Heiko Maas  
Foreign Minister of Germany

Your Excellency,

I am presently Member of Parliament for Jaffna District, Sri Lanka and former Chief Minister of the Northern Province, Sri Lanka. I was very disturbed and appalled to hear that Germany is planning to carry out a mass deportation of Tamil asylum seekers on the 30 March 2021.

Sri Lanka's Prevention of Terrorism Act, which has been repeatedly deplored by human rights' activists around the world and been censured by the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), continues to be used to justify mistreatment of Tamils for no reason other than their ethnicity. As a former Supreme Court Judge I had occasion to comment adversely against the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Thus, apart from the anguish and fear that this deportation will cause to the Tamil Diaspora in Germany and globally, the Tamil people who are affected will risk being subjected to torture, arbitrary detention and to other violations of human rights. This mass deportation therefore runs counter to guarantees of non-refoulement which form part of both European human rights' law and international human rights' law. As you are aware the forcible return of refugees or asylum seekers to a country where they are liable to be subjected to persecution is refoulement. International and EU law prohibit refoulement.

It is also astonishing that Germany, within a week of co-authoring and voting for a UNHRC resolution, which condemns human rights' violations by the Sri Lankan State, would act contrary to the spirit of this resolution by planning to deport up to 100 Tamils to Sri Lanka at this particular time when the Sri Lankan government is smarting under the passing of a UN Resolution prejudicial to it.

I call upon your Country, with respect, to stop this mass deportation flight of Tamil asylum seekers to Sri Lanka. Thanks.

Yours Sincerely

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