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Smt. Sonia Gandhi
President, Indian National Congress
24 Akbar Road, New Delhi
Delhi 110011, India

Dear Smt. Gandhi:

Re: Appeal to Prime Minister Modi on the Eelam Tamil National Question and Urgent Issues


I am writing to inform you of Tamil Rights Group's (TRG) recent submission of a letter of appeal to the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. TRG is a Canadian human rights organisation acting globally to support and represent Eelam Tamils in the quest to bring transitional justice and a lasting solution for our people in Sri Lanka.

In our appeal to Prime Minister Modi, we ask for India's diplomatic intervention to help bring about a just resolution to the Tamil national question, alleviate the immediate suffering of Eelam Tamils and prevent ongoing human rights abuses. We at TRG believe that the historic *Indo-Lanka Accord* of 1987 is an important precedent in both intent and spirit for a new twenty-first century diplomacy between India and Sri Lanka to address the Tamil national question. The essence of the accord to demilitarise the traditional Eelam Tamil areas of Sri Lanka and the necessity of sharing power is as relevant today as it was more than three decades ago. Please see attached a copy of TRG's letter to Prime Minister Modi for full details on our urgent appeal.

As both the President of the Indian National Congress and Chair of the United Progressive Alliance, you are well placed to exert the necessary pressure and call on the government of India to undertake serious diplomatic initiatives with the government of Sri Lanka to address the immediate and long-term concerns of Eelam Tamils. As you are aware, India has recently provided generous financial support to Sri Lanka to import essential commodities amidst the ongoing economic crisis. It is our hope that India's proactive neighbourhood diplomacy on economic matters is extended to and in conjunction with resolving the Tamil national question in Sri Lanka.

We would be pleased to meet at your convenience to further discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Navaratnam Srinarayanathas
President, Tamil Rights Group