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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Sri Lanka at the Cross Roads Fairness for a Developing Country

Sri Lanka is a model of tolerance of all religions, despite a pre-dominantly Buddhist country and having a unique Buddhist civilization which has shaped the national character and destiny of the country for over 2500 years.

Hounding Sri Lanka without a strand of Factual Evidence on alleged War Crimes, after Sri Lanka restored peace and prosperity to its people by militarily defeating the most ruthless Terrorist Organisation (FBI Terminology) the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE). Is to say the least Outrageous!!!

The overwhelming majority of Nations of the World do not accept the UNCHR biased resolution sponsored by USA Britain etc, who have the worst record of War Crimes and Crimes against Civilian Slaughter post World War II, starting from Hiroshima Nagasaki to the present Day.

Given that the OHCHR is investigating FOR THE FIRST TIME a country where a conflict has ended (the first country in the world to eliminate terrorists) why is it investigating 1/3 of the entire conflict ONLY?

By a deliberate failure to specify a time period in Operative Paragraph 10 (b), the draft resolution may confine its ambit between 2002 and 2009, by adopting a narrower interpretation of the period covered by the LLRC, thus completely excluding the atrocities and violations of international human rights and international humanitarian law committed by the LTTE prior to 2002". (From 1983).

There are over 100 million Tamils in the world and only 15 million voiceless Sinhalese. The UK home office officials favoured Tamils, same as in the old colonial days, discriminated against the SINHALESE and gave 3000000 of them residency status. These bogus refugees are now demonstrating in UK and other countries showing their strength had a key role in funding the terrorist organisation, and UK should be held responsible as it turned a blind eye.

There have been many atrocities committed by American and NATO Forces in military theatre, in Europe, Middle East, Asia, but should questions be raised by UN on the savagery or the gravity. The UK, US and the EU screams about Sri Lanka is their dishonest motive to divert world attention from the illegal, totally unnecessary killings in foreign lands. The UN General Assembly needs to be empowered if the world is to rid itself of these evil enterprises of the imperialists.

The moral right of Western superpowers that went to war with and bombed entire cities in Afghanistan and Iraq on perceived threats of terrorism, as opposed to the reality of terror that Sri Lanka has grappled with for three decades must be questioned.

Whatever anyone says it was Sri Lankan BRAVE SOLDIERS who LIBERATED the Tamil people from the LTTE. It was Sri Lanka that suffered 30 years of TERRORISM; it was TERRORISTS who were defeated in May 2009 (not Tamils).

This barrage is based on poorly substantiated and often patently untrue allegations against Sri Lanka , originated by the international Tiger Diaspora, but now being orchestrated by powerful media and NGO allies often acquired through inducement received from their ill gotten war chest of millions.

One such glaring example is Amnesty International orchestrating these allegations in NZ having admitted to receiving a US 50,000 grants from the Diaspora in January 2012 in Canada.

It is also ironical that this Diaspora, now renamed British Tamil Federation, World Tamil Federation and Trans National Government of Tamil Elam, are the ones who financed the Tiger Terrorists for three decades when they threatened 20 million Sri Lankans with violation of their most basic human right, the right to life. The very same are now leading the charge to allege human rights violations by the Sri Lankan forces during the last three months of their war of liberation from Tiger Terror!

LTTE is a separatist terrorist organization demanding for two third (2/3) of Sri Lanka for 12% minority Tamils since 1983. LTTE has killed former Sri Lanka president and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi and massacred 100,000 Sri Lankans, including over 100 Tamil political leaders, among them Former Minister of Foreign Affairs L. Kadirgamar. British Government has allowed proscribed LTTE terrorists to use its resources for terrorism activities.

Now the United Nations Human rights council has at once started realizing that whatever the Sri Lankan government did to crush the menace of terrorism in Sri Lanka, involved human rights violation. It is very strange that the same UNHRC which seems in a state of pain and agony at the human rights violations in Sri Lanka could never feel any pain over the Israel's atrocities against the innocent people of Palestine.

It is interesting to raise the question why the Sri Lankan Government cared for and provided security for these people if it was to kill Tamil civilians and commit war crimes?

IBRO (our organization) sent food and Medicine to North and East of Sri Lanka during terrorism even when the food and medicine were plundered by the terrorists for their own use?

The historical irony is that the very Government that provided facilities to look after the war ravaged civilians is put on the dock when the LTTE that exposed the lives of those innocents to the danger is working through its expatriate rump to discredit Sri Lanka.

Was there a war in the world in which in its fight against the enemy did not put the civilians in danger and some died as victims of those wars? If they are not regarded as war crimes how can such death of civilians in Sri Lanka war against terrorism be considered as violation of human rights or war crimes?

Sri Lanka is a developing country with a lot of potential to grow if it can utilize its large work force and provide job and development opportunities for them. The country is steadily growing and needs to utilize its resources more carefully to sustain its development for the future.
