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Hon.Foreign Minister,
Government of Denmark

Dear Per Stig Møller,

Sub. Plea to Reject The Sri Lanka's Application For Membership to the UN Human Rights Council

We call upon your government not to support Sri Lanka's application for membership to the UN Humans Rights Council in view of its gross violation of human rights.

These violations by Sri Lankan state has been well documented by Office of the UN High Commissioner Human Rights, several human rights organisations and independent observers as well as by eye witnesses - and have been the subject of hundreds of statements and interventions at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

We place before you the following flagrant violations of human rights by the Sri Lankan Government and attach few International documents in support of these allegations.

High level of 'disappearances' resulting in Sri Lanka being placed at the very top of the list of countries where disappearances have become endemic (ref. UN document E/CN.4/2005/65 statistical summary).

The wide practice of torture by the Sri Lankan State .

Suppression of civil rights of the people through the use of emergency powers and the application of draconian laws such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979.

The suppression of the freedom of media including the state's' connivance in the murder of journalists

The use of paramilitaries and death squads to murder academics, politicians and intellectuals.

The culture of impunity is prevailing in the country.

In view of the above we call upon your Government not to support the application of the Sri Lankan Government for Membership to the UN Human Rights Council at the forthcoming meeting of the General Assembly on 9th May 2006.

Thanking you,
Your sincerely

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