

Indian Political Parties Urged to Include Sri Lankan Tamil Issues in Their Manifestos: TGTE

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's Parliament Adopts a Resolution

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Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's (TGTE) Parliament in its sitting on February 1, 2014, unanimously passed a Resolution urging all the Indian political parties to include in their Manifesto the following:

A) Calling the Government of India to either sponsor or cosponsor a resolution in the upcoming UNHRC Session, Establishing an International Independent Commission to investigate charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and War crimes.

B) Calling the Government of India to pursue actively the conduct of an internationally supervised referendum for the Eelam Tamils to determine their political future.

This Resolution also highlights some issues like the following:

1) Cognizant of the Moral Heritage of India and its vital interests in the Indian Ocean, confers upon it the moral and legal obligation to lead the process of addressing the Tamil National Question, guided by and within the ambit and scope of the aforementioned international norms,

2) Noting that India's position in the United Nations with respect to its role in the establishment of Bangladesh was an act to mete out remedial justice,

3) Recognizing that the Sixth Amendment enacted in 1983 to the Sri Lankan Constitution which criminalizes peaceful advocacy for an independent state and as a result not only restricts the political space inside the island of Sri Lanka for the Tamil people to articulate their political aspirations fully, but also deprives their freedom of speech,

4) Being aware that the Tamil people mandated their elected representatives in the election subsequent to the Vaddukoddai Resolution of 1976 for the establishment of an independent sovereign secular state for the Tamil people,

5) Mindful of the Northern Province Council Resolution calling for an international investigation of the crimes committed during the final stages of the war between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam,

6) Bearing in mind the Freedom Charter promulgated by the TGTE in 2013 with a participation of

more than 120,000 people demonstrated the Tamils' commitment to realize the Eelam Tamils' inherent right to self-determination in a remedial fashion,

Below, please find the full resolution:

The Trans National Government of Tamil Eelam is calling all the Political Parties operating within the Republic of India to accelerate their efforts in support of the Eelam Tamils' quest for Justice and realization of the Tamils' right to self-determination in remedial fashion, and to include in their election manifesto a commitment to this effect:

Guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam(TGTE) enshrining the aims and objectives of TGTE to find a lasting solution to the Eelam Tamil National Question,

Taking note that the stagnation in finding a solution to this question has been due to a failure of States to live up to their obligations under the Universal declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Convention, the Genocide Convention, and other international treaties, covenants and laws,

Taking into consideration that impunity in the Island of Sri Lanka constitutes a threat to peace and stability in Indian Ocean.

Gravely concerned that the Panel of Experts appointed by the UN Secretary General into the accountability process in Sri Lanka on 31.3.2011 has not progressed any further,

Gravely concerned that the progress on this issue in the several UNHRC sessions and other international forums in the four years since May 2009, has been slow,

Bearing in mind that Eelam Tamils have distinct cultural, intellectual and friendly relationship with the people of India.

Cognizant of the Moral Heritage of India and its vital interests in the Indian Ocean, confers upon it the moral and legal obligation to lead the process of addressing the Tamil National Question, guided by and within the ambit and scope of the aforementioned international norms,

Noting that India's position in the United Nations with respect to its role in the establishment of Bangladesh was an act to mete out remedial justice,

Mindful of the Northern Province Council Resolution calling for an international investigation of the crimes committed during the final stages of the war between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam,

Being aware that the Tamil people mandated their elected representatives in the election subsequent to the Vaddukoddai Resolution of 1976 for the establishment of an independent sovereign secular state for the Tamil people,

Recognizing that the Sixth Amendment enacted in 1983 to the Sri Lankan Constitution which criminalizes peaceful advocacy for an independent state and as a result not only restricts the political space inside the island of Sri Lanka for the Tamil people to articulate their political aspirations fully, but also deprives their freedom of speech,

Bearing in mind the Freedom Charter promulgated by the TGTE in 2013 with a participation of more

than 120,000 people demonstrated the Tamils' commitment to realize the Eelam Tamils' inherent right to self-determination in a remedial fashion,

THE PARLIMENT OF THE TGTE DULY ASSEMBLED IN TRANSNATIONALLY ON THIS FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 RESOLVES TO INVITE ALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES OPERATING WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA,

To include in a preeminent position in their election platform and manifesto, a desire and commitment to resolve the issue with the help of the international community and through the UNHRC,

A) Calling the Government of India to either sponsor or cosponsor a resolution in the upcoming UNHRC Session, Establishing an International Independent Commission to investigate charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and War crimes.

AND

B) Calling the Government of India to pursue actively the conduct of an internationally supervised referendum for the Eelam Tamils to determine their political future.

ADOPTED ON THIS FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014 AND CERTIFIED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIMENT OF TGTE

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