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Signatory Civil Society Organizations:

- 1. Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research (Jaffna)
- 2. Centre for Human Rights and Development (Colombo)
- 3. Centre for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (Trincomalee)
- 4. Jaffna Press Club (Jaffna)
- 5. Maatram Foundation (Vavuniya)
- 6. Mannar Citizens' Committee (Mannar)
- 7. Tamil Civil Society Forum (Vavuniya)
- 8. Tamil Lawyers' Forum (Jaffna)

About:

The Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research (ACPR) is a not-for-profit think-tank based in Jaffna, which focuses on public policy issues in Sri Lanka with a special focus on issues affecting the Tamil polity on the island. ACPR aims to fill a critical need for a think-tank that will report and present analyses on matters to a political solution, accountability, justice and reconciliation initiatives from a Tamil perspective. It is also interested in institutional capacity building within the Tamil polity that will aid in the process of democratization of Tamil political and social spaces.

This coalition is made up of civil society organizations who primarily work with Tamil communities based in the North-East, and on issues that affect the Tamil polity in Sri Lanka such as militarization, the Prevention of Terrorism Act, disappearances, freedom of assembly, land grabs, constitutional reform and transitional justice.