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To: Managing Director, IMF

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Dominique Strauss-Kahn  
Managing Director, IMF  
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Strauss-Kahn,

Sub: IMF loan and continued military action against civilian population

In light of the current negotiations on the part of the government to Sri Lanka to procure \$1.9billion dollars from the International Monetary Fund, we the citizens of free and democratic nation states urge the IMF to officially reject the Sri Lankan government's request for a loan.

We are joining a global movement seeking a preliminary and permanent injunction on economic assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka. Successive predatory governments in the country have continued the habit of printing money and providing subsidies to solicit support for disproportionate military spending without any formal oversight.

The Sri Lankan government continues to exploit third party assistance vis-à-vis foreign direct investment and foreign aid in order to fund and perpetuate an indiscriminate military campaign. Concerns persist regarding the treatment of internally displaced persons, which has direct relevance to the post-conflict development for which the government is seeking funding.

In light of the Sri Lankan government's gross failure to satisfy an obligation to protect its citizenry, we are deeply troubled that a supportive loan obtained under the guise of post-conflict reconstruction will not achieve its intended objectives. The IMF must advance the cause for human rights and thus, should urge the Sri Lankan government to uphold doctrines which underscore the importance of adhering to human rights and the rule of law before granting this endowment.

Yours Sincerely,

The Undersigned