



## **CANADIAN TAMIL CONGRESS ■ CONGRÈS TAMOUL CANADIEN**

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### **Ethical Tea Partnership**

Monitoring Programme Manager: Amanda Penn

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Re: "No to Sri Lanka Products" Campaign

Dear Ms. Penn,

This letter is to inform you that the Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC) and its partners are planning to call for a temporary reduction of investment on products made in Sri Lanka. This decision is necessary because of the indirect and direct contribution that foreign investments provide in funding of military campaign against the minority Tamils.

The government of Sri Lanka is being accused of violating number of human rights by both United Nations and Human Rights Watchdog. These violations include abductions, torture, oppression of the press, bombing of schools, hospitals and places of worship. Amidst the countless violations, the worst offense is the usage of cluster bombs on designated "Safety-Zone", where close to two hundred thousand people are currently stranded with no food or clean water. "Sri Lankan forces are shelling hospitals and so-called safe zones and slaughtering the civilians there," quotes James Ross, legal and policy director of the Human Rights Watch.

Due to these desperate conditions experienced by the people we have elected to apply direct pressure on economy and the government to immediately end hostilities against the Tamils and move forward on an effective and lasting political settlement.

Given the nature of this humanitarian crisis and, ETP, which is committed to social conscientiousness, we respectfully ask that you examine your sense of corporate ethics and responsibility in relation to your current investments and business operations in Sri Lanka. Should you have any comments, concerns or would like to learn more on this campaign, please contact us at the Toronto office in the number listed below. Your support is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

Your sincerely,

The undersigned

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