



# Tamil Solidarity: For the rights of workers & all oppressed people in Sri Lanka

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## Trade Union Model Resolution

This trade union branch/body agrees to affiliate to the Tamil Solidarity campaign.

### Regarding the Tamils in Sri Lanka, we note:

- Many reports – by the UN, Channel 4, human rights organisations, etc – have highlighted the slaughter of tens of thousands of Tamil civilians by Sri Lankan armed forces in 2009.
- Hundreds of thousands were then held in open prison camps, thousands were ‘disappeared’.
- Tamil women have been subjected to systematic rape and sexual violence by Sri Lankan armed forces.
- No one from the Sri Lankan government or armed forces has been held accountable for these well-documented war crimes and human rights abuses.
- Predominantly Tamil land in the north and east is now under military occupation.

### On the general situation in Sri Lanka, we note:

- A general clampdown on democratic rights throughout Sri Lanka continues. Sri Lanka is still considered unsafe place for journalists, human rights campaigners and other activists. Sri Lankan government enforced ban on various organisations and individuals who fight for human rights continues.
- Violent nationalist groups continue to threaten and attack minorities.
- ‘Free economic zones’ are being opened up, allowing overseas multinationals to further exploit sweatshop labour.
- The driving through of privatisation, job losses and cut-backs in public services, hitting working people and the poor hardest.

### Regarding the Tamil Solidarity campaign, we note:

- Since 2009 Tamil Solidarity has campaigned tirelessly to raise awareness of the situation facing the Tamils in Sri Lanka.
- Tamil Solidarity is a non-sectarian campaign taking up the rights of workers and all oppressed people in Sri Lanka, regardless of their ethnic or religious background.
- Tamil Solidarity implemented ‘join a union’ initiative to encourage workers from the Tamil community to get involved in the trade union movement in Britain.

**Tamil Solidarity call for an independent war crimes investigation; the withdrawal of troops from Tamil areas; an end to detention without trial; to stop arms sales to Sri Lanka; for democratic rights for all; support for independent trade unions; to defend the right of Tamil self-determination.**

Tamil Solidarity asks for a minimum annual affiliation of £50 per branch (or similar sized body), £100-150 per district/region/group, and £250 per national union body.

Please make cheques out to Tamil Solidarity, sent to the above address. Direct BACS payments can also be made: email [info@tamilsolidarity.org](mailto:info@tamilsolidarity.org) for bank details.

Affiliates receive a monthly National Coordinating Committee report, notification of events, and other information as required. News can be found on our website: [www.tamilsolidarity.org](http://www.tamilsolidarity.org).

We welcome questions/suggestions and wish to deepen our work with the trade union movement.

We can provide speakers to meetings and events.

Please forward this motion to regional/national bodies of our union as appropriate, and encourage them to support/affiliate as appropriate.