











Ambassador Julie Jiyoon Chung US State Department Washington DC 2201 C St., NW

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## Congratulations on your Appointment as US Ambassador to Sri Lanka

Dear Ambassador Chung,

Tamil diaspora organizations in the US collectively felicitate you on your appointment as Ambassador to Sri Lanka. With your extensive diplomatic experience in South East Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, you bring an unparalleled expertise to the onerous task with which you are entrusted in Sri Lanka.

Madam Ambassador, you are well aware of the veritable existential threat the Tamil People are facing in the island. It is in view of these dire conditions confronting our people in the homeland, all the major Tamil diaspora organizations have arrived at a "Common Position" as a basis to resolve the national conflict in the island of Sri Lanka. In that "Common Position", we have put forward the following urgent requests to the international community:

- An internationally conducted and monitored Referendum that allows people living in the north-eastern region of the island of Sri Lanka (Northern and Eastern province) prior to 1948 and their descendants to find a democratic, peaceful, permanent, and political solution that meets Tamils' aspirations.
- 2. An interim International Protection Mechanism in the north-eastern region of the island.
- 3. The Repeal of the Sixth Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution
- 4. The referral of the situation in Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court with respect to genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and legal action against Sri Lanka before the International Court of Justice under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Convention against Torture.

Dear Ambassador Chung, in your forthcoming diplomatic functions in Sri Lanka we trust you will take into consideration the above requests and endeavor to promote these urgent needs of the Tamil people in the island of Sri Lanka to the best of your ability. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

## US Tamil Diaspora Organizations:

Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America (FeTNA), Ilankai Tamil Sangam, Tamil Americans United PAC, Trans National Government of Tamil Eelam, United States Tamil Action Group(USTAG), World Thamil Organization.