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Dear Mr Evans,

**Re: What is EU doing to address the ethnic genocide against Tamils in Sri Lanka?**

I wish to bring to your kind attention that I was somewhat disappointed with the reply published from your office on your behalf by Mr Jonathan Millins, in reply to the questions raised by Mr. Lank Weden on 01.04.08. The main essence of the questions are as follows:

1. Has the EU an absolute 100% intolerance of Sri Lankan government Human Rights violations in the country?
2. Is Human Rights violation a priority for the EU regarding Sri Lanka?
3. What specific EU action programmes are available to deal with the worsening Human Rights violation in Sri Lanka?

In my humble opinion, these serious and profound questions have not been answered properly in your communication. The good track record you have in connection with the Sri Lankan conflict, I am afraid, may be tarnished by your inaction and evasive reply.

I have been an admirer of your long record of active and constructive engagement with all parties involved in the Sri Lankan conflict. You have urged all parties to come to the negotiating table. But in January 2008, the Sri Lankan government abrogated the Cease Fire Agreement and is continuing along the war path. What is your response and action? Incidentally, LTTE was the first party to place their signature on the CFA. But unfortunately, like all the previous agreements between the Tamils and the Sri Lankan governments, CFA too ended up with the same fate.

Secondly your communique lists all the affected areas you have visited in Sri Lanka. Therefore that must have given you more personal knowledge of the grim ground realities. So you are in a better position to tell the world the suffering of the innocent brought about by inequalities and injustice. As a result of these being kept away from the world attention by news blackout, the President was able to attend a debate in Oxford Union instead of facing charges on crimes against humanity at The Hague.

Thirdly your reply tells us how well placed you are in the EU and in the South Asia Delegation to make enough impact on these alarming issues, One cannot say '...forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.' Once you have seen the problems and the suffering, a huge responsibility follows to bring it out in the open to rectify the injustice.

Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God'.

Yours sincerely

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