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Dear Chairman

[Sri Lanka: new government has been failing to keep its election promises](#)

Please share the following with all members of the Committee and Folketinget:

1. Respected Sinhalese academics and journalists on the failure of new government to keep its election promises:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/339506415/Sri-Lanka-Failure-of-New-Government-to-Keep-Election-Promise-to-Adopt-Good-Governance>

2. Horrendous periodic attacks on Muslim businesses and mosques go on in the South

3. Occupying military in the North have political, economic, social, cultural and environmental decisions overpowering local government bodies like the five district secretariats and their numerous divisional secretariats (the regional government departments oblige them unquestioningly) and even the Northern Provincial Council:

"..... Ultimately, permitting the military's control over war-affected Tamil populations in the North will only further the cycle of conflict and will destroy any hopes of building a truly participatory democracy and sustainable peace."

- [Civil Security Department: The Deep Militarisation of the Vanni](#) (Report released at UNHRC36), Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research, September 2017, <http://www.adayaalam.org/2017/09/20/report-civil-security-department-the-deep-militarisation-of-the-vanni/>

4. The plan for deep militarisation was laid on 7 May 2009 even before the war ended on 18 May 2009: Presidential Task Force(PTF) for Northern Development(read Degradation) did not have a single Tamil or anyone from the North and the only Muslim was only one of many Ministerial Secretaries from the central government - all the armed forces and the Police were amply represented among the 19 members of PTF:

<http://www.mfa.gov.lk/index.php/en/media/news-archive/1730-presidential-task-force-on-northern-development->

5. The following has been reiterated, not improved, in all what many Sinhala parliamentarians have been SAYING in and out of parliament and what the new government has been DOING: “*Representations before the Commission were equally loud and clear that the people of all communities are ready and willing, as they have always been, to use this opportunity to promote reconciliation, amity and cooperation if the political leadership from all parties on all sides of the ethnic divide, are willing and able to lead the way. The Commission was further informed that it is possible to do this if the political leaders of all successive Governments, including the present Government, can summon the political will and the courage to introspect and reflect on the past failures and agree to nurture consensual decision making on issues of national importance and do not resort to the adversarial politics of the past, that sought short term electoral gain as against the long term national interest*”. (LLRC Report, 8.143)

..... By redefining the conditions of the ethno-political conflict in a no-war context, the military defeat of the LTTE has opened a new historical space to find a durable solution to the ethno-political conflict. Simultaneously, it has created many constraints due to 'triumphalism' and the majoritarian mindset of the regime and its ethno-political clientele." - Post-war Sri Lanka: Is Peace a Hostage of the Military Victory? Dilemmas of Reconciliation, Ethnic Cohesion and Peace-Building <http://ices.lk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Gamini-Keerawella-book.pdf>

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We had been writing to the Senate Committee how PTF had been preventing aid agents from helping the war-ravaged - we'll remind in the next letter.

7. Sri Lanka continues to create ethnic enmity and eternal conflict through textbooks over several decades: <https://www.scribd.com/document/333264605/UNESCO-Must-Urgently-Revise-School-Textbooks-in-Sri-Lanka-to-Stop-Hate-mongering-and-to-Start-Peace-building>

We have received no responses from Ministry of Education or from Office of National Unity and Reconciliation for our repeated letters on the issue of hate-mongering textbooks.

8. The President addressed the UNGA last week in the same way Sri Lanka has been addressing it for decades: lying through their teeth.

Please help the oppressed to gain justice.

Yours sincerely
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