

Project Proposal

# Electronic Archive of UN Documents on Sri Lanka

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# **Project proposal for the creation of an Electronic Archive of UN Documents on Sri Lanka**

## **Proposed Project**

Following the anti-Tamil pogrom of July 1983, the UN became involved in monitoring and reporting human rights violations in Sri Lanka. In 1984, the UN High Commission on Human Rights passed a resolution in respect of violations of Human Rights. Ever since then the UN Human Rights Section has been involved in the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. However, there is no centralised mechanism to access these documents.

This project will:

1. Collate all UN documents relating to the Sri Lanka situation;
2. Convert them into an electronic format where necessary; and
3. Make the electronic archive available to researchers and the general public through the CJPD website.

CJPD aims to Centralise the documents and thereby provide a primary resource for researchers and others the perspectives on the situation as reported by international civil society representatives (ECOSEC NGOs), missions, Special Rapporteurs appointed by the UN, UN Working Groups, Reports by the Commission on Human Rights, Reports by Sub Commissions and Reports by Experts.

## **Aim**

CJPD proposes to include in its Webpage a section headed 'UN Documents on Sri Lanka' providing researchers and others a centralised source to access perspectives on the situation as reported by those listed above..

## **Objectives**

- To centralise all UN documents pertaining to the situation in Sri Lanka
- To make these documents accessible to researchers and others.

## **Methodology**

- Collect hard copies of the documents from the UN Library
- Scan the documents and convert them into 'soft copies'
- Incorporate these documents into the CJPD webpage under the heading 'UN Documents on Sri Lanka'
- Update the webpage with documents.

## **Output**

A central source of all UN documents pertaining to the situation in Sri Lanka.

## **Anticipated Outcome**

Researchers and others have centralised access to UN documents on the situation in Sri Lanka since 1984.