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From the Management Team.....

The Centre for Just Peace and Democracy (CJPD) was founded in 2004 to formalise pre-existing networks of activists and academics in the Tamil Diaspora and beyond who have worked to bring about a just peace in Sri Lanka. In 2007, with the support of the Berghof Foundation and the Norwegian Government, this network was given an institutional form and a hub in Switzerland.

During 2008, CJPD continued to work towards its overall objective of acting as an agent for peace by focusing on projects to realise a negotiated end to the conflict, building its institutional capacity and developing its relationships with NGOs, Governments and other influentials.

These include:

- Publication of the seminar proceedings on the 'International Dimension of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' and the launch of the book at the New South Wales Parliament in Australia.
- A two-day seminar on 'Bridging the Gap between Self-Determination and Sovereignty'
- The development of a Handbook on CJPD administration policies and practices
- Finalisation of CJPD's Communication Strategy
- Completion of phases 1 and 2 of the publication '60 Years of Independence' to provide a historically-informed understanding of the conflict's origins and dynamics
- Completion of phases 1 and 2 of a publication on the Cease-Fire Agreement to understand the reasons for the collapse of the Agreement
- Publication of 'The Politics of Transformation-The LTTE and the 2002-2006 peace process in Sri Lanka' in cooperation with Berghof Foundation.
- Translation of 'The Politics of Transformation- The LTTE and the 2002-2006 peace process in Sri Lanka' into Tamil
- Translation of 'The Politics of Transformation- The LTTE and the 2002-2006 peace process in Sri Lanka' into Sinhalese (in progress)
- Development of an up to date website with publications downloadable in pdf format
- Meetings with Australian, Norwegian and Swiss Government officials
- A one-day workshop on 'Children and Armed Conflict' to understand the issues involved in the Seminar to be held in partnership with Geneva Call and IMADR-Sri Lanka in March 2009
- A one-day workshop on 'Gender Issues'.
- Establishment of branches in Australia and the United Kingdom
- Continuing to maintain relationships built with international and Sri Lankan NGO's including Amnesty International, Human Rights, Watch and INFORM, CPA, Transcend International, the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (LIDLIP), Geneva Call and INPACT

During 2008 CJPD re-structured the organisation to enhance its capacity to meet new challenges.

CJPD's present structure

Mr Anton Ponrajah	Director – Administration, Finance
Mr A.C. Tarcisius	Director– Academic
Mr Ana Pararajasingham	Director– Programmes
Mr Elango Nadarajah	Diaspora Coordinator
Mr Nadesan Satyendra	Advisor
Ms Nandini Devi	Programme Manager
Ms Vinothini Kanapathipillai	Programme Manager
Mr. Romuald Pial	Programme Officer
Ms David Demani	Office Administrator
Ms Angela Tarcisius	Accountant
Mr Charles Aseervatham	Administration Officer (UK Branch)
Ms Sasikala Giritharan	Web Developer

During 2008 CJPD's activities were made possible through the assistance provided by the Norwegian Government, Berghof Foundation and Charter Members. Following a strategy meeting in November 2007, CJPD has identified the need for cost effective ways to meet its overall objective.

CJPD Management has actively pursued gender equality in implementing projects and in the composition of its workforce.

CJPD has maintained close contacts with Track 2 actors from Sri Lanka despite the deteriorating political situation. We were, however, unable to implement the 'Conflict Assessment Project (Four+4)' which entailed participation by Track 2 Actors from Sri Lanka and the Tamil Diaspora. This project envisaged an assessment of the conflict from the perspectives of civil society actors, consider possible scenarios likely to emerge in the foreseeable future and how these can be supported to facilitate a lasting solution to the conflict.

The management team wishes to acknowledge the generous support and assistance from the CJPD Advisory Board, the Berghof Foundation, the Federal Government of Switzerland, Government of Germany, Government of Norway, the Swiss Tamil Diaspora-for their logistical support of CJPD events, and the wider Tamil Diaspora who continue to stimulate us with their ideas and enthusiasm.

This annual report provides an account of CJPD's activities during 2008 and an outline of its plans thereafter.

We are acutely aware that our work is shaped by people: people in the island of Sri Lanka, in the Diaspora and in the countries where the Diaspora is settled. It is people that turn our plans into action, our ideas into policy and our struggle into a just peace. CJPD is committed to engaging a wide spectrum of people to achieve our aims and growing our network of resources.

Projects Progress Reports

During 2008 CJPD implemented phases 1 and 2 of the following projects. It is envisaged that the final phase of these projects will be completed by the first quarter of 2009.

- 60 years of “independence”
- Bridging the Gap between Self-Determination and Sovereignty
- Women in Conflict Resolution: Peace and Development in Sri Lanka
- The Cease-Fire Agreement (2002-2008)
- Children and Armed Conflict the Sri Lanka Case

SRI LANKA: 60 Years of “independence”

Pre Project Phase:

The project concept was developed along with the other project concepts for 2008 at a Strategy Meeting of CJPD’s Strategy Group comprising members of the Advisory Board representatives of the Berghof Foundation and Board of Management at meeting held on 16th December 2007 at Lucerne, Switzerland.

The aim of the project is to produce a publication covering the events between 1948 to 2008 that would contribute to a historically-informed understanding of the conflict’s origins and dynamics and, thus, support the search for a just and lasting peace in the island. It is envisaged that the publication will cover Sinhala Tamil and international perspectives.

Project management:

The project comprises 3 phases. It is managed by Mr Ana Pararajasingham and supported by Mr Anton Ponrajah and Ms Nandini Devi.

Phase 1

During this phase a group drawn from CJPD’s Management, Advisory Board and Resources Network of academics met to review the island’s post-independence history and identify key themes and issues that could be further explored by a wider group of contributors. During this phase the group agreed on

- 12 areas for detailed study.
- Established the methodologies, resources and terms of reference for the more detailed research during phase 2

Phase 2

During this phase contributions were sought on the areas identified for detailed study. These contributions reflected perspectives of academics, researchers and activists from Sri Lanka, the Tamil Diaspora and the International Community.

A total of 30 contributions have been received to date with two or more perspectives on each of the areas.

Phase 3

During this phase the papers will be reviewed, edited and compiled into a book. It is envisaged that this phase will be completed by March 2009.

Challenges Faced:

Many from Sri Lanka who had agreed to contribute papers were unable to do so due to intimidation and arrests. This has delayed the completion of the project by end of 2008.

Bridging the Gap between Self-Determination and Sovereignty

Pre Project Phase:

The project concept was developed at a Strategy Meeting of CJPD's Strategy Group comprising members of the Advisory Board representatives of the Berghof Foundation and Board of Management at meeting held in March 2007 at Lucerne, Switzerland.

The project intends to explore how the competing concepts of self determination and sovereignty could be bridged. It is envisaged that the topic will be covered by reviewing the legal/ theoretical framework, other situations where conflicts arising out of this dichotomy have been resolved or in the process of being resolved and the situation explored in depth in the context of the conflict in Sri Lanka.

Project management:

The project comprises 3 phases. It is managed by Mr Ana Pararajasingham and supported by Mr Anton Ponrajah, Ms Nandini Devi.

Phase 1

This phase is complete.

Experts participating in a 2 day workshop on 17 & 18th May 2008 at Luzerne explored the ways of bridging the gap between self determination and sovereignty (including concept the concept of earned sovereignty)' .The workshop proceedings including presentations and discussions (held under the Chatham House Rule) were documented.

Phase 2

The workshop proceedings including presentations and discussions (held under the Chatham House Rule along with a summary of workshop proceedings were circulated to potential contributors.

11 contributions have been received exploring the topic from different perspectives and suggesting how the gap between Self-Determination and Sovereignty could be bridged.

Phase 3

During this phase the papers will be reviewed, edited and compiled into a book.

Challenges Faced:

The withdrawal by organizations and individuals who had earlier committed to participate in Phase 1 and contribute papers during phase 2 has delayed the completion of the project by end of 2008.

Women in Conflict Resolution: Peace and Development in Sri Lanka

Pre- Project Phase:

The development of this project proposal was initiated at a Strategy Meeting composed of CJPD Management Team, the Advisory Board and representatives from the Berghof Foundation held on December 2007 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

The overall aim of the project proposal is to produce a publication through a series of gender focused studies of women in conflict situation incorporating Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, how they can play constructive roles both during and after the conflict. This will be studied especially in the context of Sri Lanka.

Project Management:

This project comprises of 2 phases for the present time. It will be managed by Ms Nandini Devi supported by Mr Anton Ponrajah, Mr Ana Pararajasingham and Ms Vinothini Kanapathipillai.

Phase 1:

This phase has been completed.

A gender project proposal was developed by not just researching and studying gender issues in general. A number of meetings were held with various women politician, academics and professionals giving different perspectives from the Sinhala, Tamil and international community. It was agreed on

- Identified area for training for CJPDP
- Identified 5 key areas for detailed study (workshops and field research)
- Agreed on the methodology in identifying potential contributors and approaching this project proposal.

Phase 2:

During this phase;

- The developed project proposal will be reviewed and finalised.
- An Advisory Group will be established comprising gender academics and experts to monitor the progress and provide guidance on this project.
- This phase will identify a list of potential contributors to be approached for detailed study of the 5 key areas identified in phase 1. It will comprise feminists, academics, practitioners, activities and government officials from Sri Lanka, the Tamil Diaspora and the international community. Terms of Reference (ToR) will be established for each of 5 areas of study including identifying places of field research.

Challenges Faced:

In identifying the key areas of study (including field research) and ensuring that a comprehensive project proposal was developed in the context of Sri Lanka from Sinhalese and Tamil perspectives. This was particularly challenging as there were very few studies of this nature have been carried out in the north and east of Sri Lanka.

Cease-Fire Agreement (CFA) Project

Pre Project Phase:

This project was developed at a Strategy Meeting of CJPDP's Strategy Group comprising members of the Advisory Board, representatives of the Berghof Foundation and Board of Management held on 16th December 2007 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

The aim of the project is to produce a publication that through a series of studies to provide an understanding of the reasons that led to the Sri Lankan Government withdrawing in 2008 from the 2002 Cease-Fire Agreement it had entered into with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2002 under Norwegian facilitation.

Project management:

This project comprises 3 phases. It is managed by Ms Nandini Devi and supported by Mr Anton Ponrajah, Ana Pararajasingham and Mr Nadarajah Elango.

Phase 1

This phase has been completed.

A one day workshop was held in February 2008 comprising of the CJPD Management team, members of the Advisory Board and Resources Network of academics to discuss the aims and objectives the project including a detailed analysis to research and study. The detailed study was divided into 4 chapters.

- 4 chapters of detailed study were identified.
- Established the methodologies, resources and terms of reference for the more detailed research during phase 2.

11 potential contributors were identified.

Phase 2

During this phase contributions were sought for the 4 chapters identified for detailed study. The study will include both primary and secondary research. These contributions will reflect perspectives of academics, researchers and activists from Sri Lanka, the Tamil Diaspora and the International Community. Contributions have been received from 8 of the 11 contributors. Direct contacts established with key members of the Sri Lankan Monitoring Mission (SLMM) and interviews conducted with 3 of them.

Phase 3

To review, edit and compile the studies into a publication.

Challenges Faced:

Delays were experienced in conducting primary research due to difficulties in obtaining interviews with key people involved in monitoring the CFA. Changes of the political climate in Sri Lanka, agreed contributors withdrew themselves from submitting a paper which delayed the project as well. However, new potential contributors were identified.

Children and Armed Conflict the Sri Lanka Case

Pre Project Phase:

This project was developed at a Strategy Meeting of CJPD's Strategy Group comprising members of the Advisory Board, representatives of the Berghof Foundation and Board of Management held on 16th December 2007 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

The purpose of the project is to organise an interactive seminar in Geneva where participants will be able to address the six areas identify by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary

General for Children and Armed Conflict as constituting “especially egregious against children”, with the aim:

- To study as a thematic issue the violations committed against children during the armed conflict in the island of Sri Lanka;
- To identify measures that may be taken in light of such violations.

The situation in Sri Lanka will serve as case study to address the effects of armed conflicts on children, evaluate the effectiveness of Children and Armed Conflict Monitoring Mechanisms in place in Sri Lanka, and with the attention given to it, may assist in diminishing the catastrophic effects that this armed conflict has had on children. CJPD will publish and distribute papers under each of the six areas identify by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict.

Project management:

The project comprises 4 phases. It is managed by Mr Romuald Pial and supported by Mr Anton Ponrajah, Ms Vinothini Kanapathipillai and Mr Elango Nadarajah.

Phase 1

This phase has been completed.

The Project proposal has been revised, completed, and translated into French to facilitate contacts with partners in France and in the Canton of Geneva. Following several meeting involving CJPD’s staff members and others resources persons, a list of potential partnering organisations was drafted. A list of UN bodies and other organisations meeting the participation criteria has also been established.

Phase 2

This phase is in process.

Following discussions with potential partnering organisations a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been drafted, and will be signed soon, between CJPD and Geneva Call, as well as between CJPD and the International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR). A common fundraising strategy has been defined and is ongoing coordinated by CJPD.

Phase 3

The drafting of Terms of Reference is currently underway along with the agenda of the seminar. A list of keynotes speakers, participants and observers will then be finalised. All speakers will be asked to submit in advance an abstract of their presentations. External resource persons will be identified to help manage the logistic. The seminar will be conducted over 2 days .

Phase 4

To collate, edit and publish Seminar presentations and proceedings.

Publications in 2008:

International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka

Lanka' was published. It will be made available in a downloadable format from the CJPDP website in 2008. This publication has now been translated into Tamil and will be made available from early 2009.

The politics of Transformation-The LTTE and the 2002-2006 peace process in Sri Lanka

CJPDP cooperated with Berghof Foundation in bringing out the above publication. The publication was part of series of studies undertaken by Berghof Foundation in respect of Resistance/Liberation Movements and Transition to Politics. This publication has now been translated into Tamil and is in the process of being translated into Sinhala.

Activities at the UNO and other International Organisations in Geneva

Activities at the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva were mainly coordinated by Romuald Pial with the support of Anton Ponrajah and Nandini Devi. CJPDP's Geneva Office represents an essential tool for the success of these activities.

Information Dissemination

Main CJPDP publications have been widely distributed and are now available in most of the libraries in Geneva, including Universities, Graduate Institutes and the United Nations Library. These covered the following publications, among others:

- Envisioning new trajectories for peace in Sri Lanka;
- International dimensions of the conflict in Sri Lanka;
- Humanitarian action in the "Undeclared war in Sri Lanka".

Monitoring of the Human Right Council and Treaty Bodies

Participation to the 7th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC)

The HRC held its 7th session from 3 to 28 March 2008. The session started with a three-day "high level segment" in which large number of high level diplomats and some ministers from most member States of the UN addressed the Council. Of particular note was the call by several

women ministers on the Council to strengthen the human rights of women. Continuing the implementation of the institution-building text, the Council also carried out the review, rationalisation and improvement of 17 special procedures mandates.

Participation to the 8th session of the Human Rights Council

The 8th session of the HRC (2 – 18 June 2008) was dominated by the adoption of the outcomes of the first 32 reviews of countries under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Most notable were the attempts by some States to limit NGO statements on the adoption of outcome documents of the UPR and further restrict the already limited role that the institution-building package has guaranteed for NGOs. The Council also continued the review of a number of special procedure mandates. While the Council has almost completed its institution building, it seems that it is encountering significant obstacles in turning its attention to pressing human rights issues and situations. During this session, the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (IDPs), Mr Walter Kälin, presented his mission report on the visit to Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka commended Mr Kälin for his “wonderful commitment” and informed the Council that it had already begun preparations for the implementing the recommendations

Participation to the 9th session of the Human Rights Council

During its 9th session (8 – 26 September 2008) the HRC focused on the remaining reviews, and extension, of several country mandates. It also completed the review of its thematic special procedures. The new High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navanethem Pillay addressed the Council for the first time after up her post on 1st September 2008. She committed herself to an open and frank relationship with the Council. The High Commissioner asserted that “impartiality in the operation of the system” and universal and equal application of human rights standards without political considerations are of great importance to the effective functioning of the human rights system. Not surprisingly, Ms Pillay did not make any reference to particular human rights situations of concern in this first address. It will be interesting to see how the High Commissioner will approach country situations of concern in the future as this remains one of the most sensitive issues in the Council.

Side events

During the three sessions, CJPD took part to several side events organised by NGOs and mostly related to the human rights situation and the humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka. CJPD has also facilitated the participation of some local-based NGOs and organised meetings with UN experts.

Review of Sri Lanka under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

The review of Sri Lanka began on 13 May 2008 with an introduction by the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights, the Hon Mahinda Samarasinghe, highlighting the strengths and challenges of human rights promotion in Sri Lanka, and including the identification of priorities and capacity building needs.

During the interactive dialogue, issues relating to the conflict (particularly the resulting violence) and their implications for human rights predominated. States offered a wide range of comments, questions, and recommendations. These covered the following issues, among others:

- The strengthening of the National Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, and others national mechanisms;
- Cooperation with international mechanisms, including the establishment of an OHCHR field office in Sri Lanka, the extension of a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedures, and concerns about the abrogation of the ceasefire agreement and subsequent termination of a monitoring presence;
- The use of child soldiers;
- Allegations of torture, forced disappearances and extra judicial killings, and the investigation and prosecution of such practices, as well as the practice of impunity;
- Protection of civilians, human rights defenders, humanitarian aid workers, and journalists (including freedom of expression generally);
- The status of the education and health systems;
- The protection of the rights of internally displaced persons;
- Violence against and the protection of all rights of women, and religious and ethnic minorities, particularly in conflict-affected areas;
- The protection of victims and witnesses.

Future Directions

During 2009, CJPD envisages realising the following:

Publications

- 60 Years of “Independence”
- Bridging the Gap between Self determination and Sovereignty
- Cease-Fire Agreement

Projects:

- A two day Seminar on Children and Armed Conflict in partnership with Geneva Call and IMADR
- Engaging Tamil Diaspora: Diaspora Dialogues for Development and Peace (UK Diaspora) –CJPD as implementing agent
- Women in Conflict Resolution, Peace and Development in Sri Lanka
- Diaspora as Agents for Peace and Development (Europe, Australia and Canada)
- Conflict Assessment (Four+4)

Management Teams' - Activities Report

January 2008:

- 1 Annual Report for 2008 finalized and circulated to donor governments, agencies, NGOs and members of the Advisory Board.
- 2 Annual Accounts finalised and circulated to all relevant parties.
- 3 Finalised Projects to be implemented in 2008
 - Publication on revisiting 60 Years of 'independence'.
 - Workshop and publication exploring Earned Sovereignty in the context of resolving the conflict in Sri Lanka.
 - Publication evaluating the Cease Fire Agreement.
 - A seminar on 'Children and Armed Conflict' (Funds and resources permitting).
 - Diaspora dialogue for Development and Peace.
- 4 Finalised Funding Proposal for 2008 and 2009 including a detailed financial budget for 2008.
- 5 Anton Ponrajah from CJPD had a meeting with officials from the Swiss Foreign Ministry to discuss CJPD's past activities (2007) and its future plans for year 2008.
- 6 A planning meeting was held with members of the Management Team and Advisory Board to explore and identify relevant areas of study for the '60 Years Project.
- 7 Final draft of the CJPD Employee 'Internal Handbook' (to guide and support staff and management in respect of CJPD administration policies and procedures) completed.
- 8 Draft of the Communication Strategy for CJPD completed. Final draft to be completed at the end of July 2008.
- 9 Interviewed candidates for Program Manager's position and recruited Nandini Devi.
- 10 Allocated responsibilities for the following projects.
 - Ana Pararajasingham**
 - 60 Years
 - Earned Sovereignty
 - Nandini Devi**
 - Diaspora
 - Cease Fire Agreement
 - Gender Sensitivity in Conflict Resolution in Sri Lanka

Ana Pararajasingham to oversee all CJPD projects.
- 11 Decision to raise funds through the promotion of membership implemented. Received \$16,000 (AUD) from Australia.

February 2008:

- 12 60 Years' Project: identified areas for further study and drafted the Terms of Reference.
- 13 Earned Sovereignty Project: Agreed to hold workshop in Berlin on 15th and 16th March 2005.
- 14 Meeting held with Mr Tyrol Ferdinands and Ms Bimsara Premaratne, representatives from Initiative for Political and Conflict Transformation (InPACT) and the CJPD Management Team. It was to explore ways of collaborating joint project work during 2008 and thereafter.
- 15 Prasanna Chandrakumar completed his 1 year assignment with CJPD and has returned to Australia.
- 16 Held Skype Teleconference with the Berghof Foundation to discuss the Earned Sovereignty project.
- 17 Submitted Funding Proposal for 2008-2009 to Norwegian Government.
- 18 Reviewed the date for Earned Sovereignty Workshop due to participants being unable to attend in March 2008.
- 19 Anan Pararajasingham attended meetings in London with members of the Advisory Board and some potential contributors for the '60 Year Project'.
- 20 Encountered cash flow difficulties due to delay in funding provided by Berghof and other agencies. Informed Advisory Board of CJPD's current financial position.
- 21 Demani David met with Berghof Foundation to finalise the accounts.
- 22 Received £ 5,000 from the UK in respect of CJPD membership.
- 23 Nandini Devi, the new Programme Manager commenced her employment with CJPD.
- 24 Due to personal circumstances, A.C Tarcisius to work from London instead of Switzerland.

March 2008:

- 25 Finalised the Terms of Reference for the '60 Years Project' to be sent to potential contributors. This will be an ongoing process until all potential contributors are finalised.
- 26 Decision made jointly with Berghof Foundation to postpone Earned Sovereignty project workshop to 19th and 20th April 2008.
- 27 Received £4,000 in respect of membership from the UK

- 28 Publication of 'International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' available for distribution.
- 29 Anton Ponrajah and Ana Pararajasingham met with Jon Hanssen Bauer and Zenia Chrysostomidis of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss funding opportunities for CJPDP for 2008.
- 30 The Workshop on Resistance/Liberation Movements and Transition to Politics held on 7th, 8th and 9th March in Berlin was attended by the Resource Network of CJPDP.
- 31 Anton Ponrajah met officials from the Swiss Foreign Ministry to brief about CJPDP and its future plans.
- 32 Held further discussions with Berghof Foundation and decided to broaden the scope of Earned Sovereignty project. The project now renamed "Bridging the Gap Self-Determination and Sovereignty" and the workshop to be held on 16th and 17th May 2008 in Luzern.
- 33 Anton Ponrajah met Nimalka Fernando of International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) in Geneva and handed in copies of the seminar on 'Humanitarian Action' in the Undeclared War' to UN officials.
- 34 Fr Emmanuel agreed to convey and communicate about CJPDP's objectives, its need for funding and seek charter membership in April/May 2008 on his visit to the USA.
- 35 1,000 copies of the book 'International dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' was printed and delivered to CJPDP office in Lucerne.
- 36 It was decided that the book 'International Dimension of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' would be translated into Tamil for the benefit of the Tamil Diaspora. The translation process will begin now, and the release of this Tamil publication will be determined at a later date.
- 37 Romould Pial has been recruited and appointed as the new Programme Officer for 'Children and Armed Conflict: The Case of Sri Lanka and UN Advocate for CJPDP. He is in the process of seeking potential partners for this project.
- 38 INPACT has signed an MOU with CJPDP for joint projects for the year 2008. This MOU was subsequently withdrawn by INPACT due to the Swedish Government withdrawing from projects in Sri Lanka.
- 39 Berghof Foundation has expressed regret that due to internal issues is unable to meet its funding commitments to CJPDP in mid March. This has further compounded CJPDP's cash flow crisis.
- 40 Nandini Devi is in the process of researching and gathering further information to draft the Gender Sensitivity project proposal.

41 Nandini Devi completed the internship programme at the UN Human Rights Council with the International League for the Rights and Movements of the Peoples (LIDLIP) in Geneva.

42 A sum of \$8,000 received from Australia.

April 2008:

43 6 experts identified and agreed to participate in the workshop on 'Bridging the Gap between Self-Determination and Sovereignty' to be held on 16th and 17th May 2008 in Lucerne.

44 Arrangements made to present the book 'International dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' at the New South Wales State Parliament in Sydney, Australia.

45 Ana Pararajasingham met with senior officials of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, AusAid and Australian Council for International development to discuss future funding opportunities for CJPD.

46 Identified 33 potential contributors to contribute papers for the '60 Years Project' and obtained written confirmation from 26 for the contribution. Since then 2 of the contributors have 'dropped out'.

47 Nandini Devi appointed Project Manager for the following projects: the Diaspora Project, the Ceasefire Project and the Gender Project.

48 Elango Nadarajah to oversee the book launch of 'International dimensions' in the UK and Europe.

49 Arranged with Fr Emmanuel to disseminate the work and activities of CJPD with US Tamils during his visit to US.

50 CJPD represented by Anton Ponrajah and Nandini Devi attended and observed a two day Nordic Workshop on 'Peace and Development of Sri Lanka' in Oslo, Norway.

51 Anton Ponrajah and Nandini Devi attended a meeting with Jon Hanssen Bauer and Zenia Chrysostomidis of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and discussed the following; funding opportunities for CJPD for year 2008, all its activities and current projects and the current situation in Sri Lanka.

52 Nandini Devi attended an informal meeting and dinner with the former members of the Sri Lankan Monitoring Mission (SLMM) in Oslo. Established contacts with some former Heads of the Mission and members for the CFA project.

53 Follow up letter sent to the Australian Dept of Foreign Affairs on advice received on foreign policy and its relevance to peace building.

54 Copies of the book 'International dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' was sent to USA, Australia and UK.

May 2008:

- 55 The book Launch of 'International dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' was conducted in Australia. The launch attended by over 35 people. and was hosted by NSW State Member of Parliament at the NSW State Parliament. It was addressed by the Chairman of the International commission of Jurists.
- 56 Workshop on 'Bridging the Gap Between Self determination and Sovereignty' was conducted in Lucerne. It was Co-chaired by Ana Pararajasingham from CJPD and Norbert Ropers from Berghof Foundation. 20 participants attended.
- 57 1 day session to review the CFA Project in order to allocate identified areas into chapters and identify potential contributors. Meeting attended by CJPD management and some members of the Advisory Board.
- 58 1 Day session reviewing the Workshop on the Project' Bridging the gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty' and considering potential contributors for the publication.
- 59 The entire 2 day proceedings of the Workshop (held on 17th and 18th May) was recorded. The presentations and discussions held under Chatham House Rule were transcribed and documented and these documents to be sent to all potential contributors
- 60 The Executive Summary of the workshop (held on 17th and 18th May) was circulated to all presenters for approval to ensure that the documentation was a fair and accurate representation of their presentations.
- 61 Nandini Devi met up with one of the potential contributors for the CFA project in London and the author confirmed their participation. Whilst in London, Nandini also contacted Save the Children, Care International and Coalition for the Children in Armed Conflict project and submitted the project proposal.
- 62 Romauld Pial attended the 8th Human Rights Council (HRC) Session at the UN in Geneva. Established further contacts with other potential NGO's for the Children in Armed Conflict project during this period. He also attended the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Sri Lanka at the UN. A paper was also submitted to CJPD on the UPR on Sri Lanka by Romauld.
- 63 Vino Kanapathipillai newly appointed as project partner with Romuald Pial for the Seminar on Children and Armed Conflict project. She will take responsibility of coordinating the work on this project between the UK and the US.
- 64 Romauld Pial and Anton Ponrajah had a meeting with Geneva Call and discussed whether they were willing to collaborate as a partner organisation for the Seminar on Children and Armed Conflict.
- 65 Nandini Devi is in the process of developing a gender project proposal, and after 63 researching and gathering information decided to change the title of the project from 'Gender Sensitivity ...' to 'Women in Conflict Resolution: Peace and Development in Sri Lanka'.

- 66 A C Tarcisius has taken the responsibility to organise the book launch for 'International Dimensions for the Conflict in Sri Lanka' in London for September 2008.
- 67 The Resistance/Liberation Movement and Transitions to Politics: Building a Network of Experiences has concluded this month. The final outcome from this project was a publication on 'The Politics of Transformation, The LTTE and the 2002 – 2006 peace process in Sri Lanka'.

June 2008:

- 68 6 authors have agreed to submit papers for the project on 'Bridging the Gap Between: Self-determination and Sovereignty'. Waiting for 2 contributors to confirm their participation. This is an ongoing process until the list of potential contributors have been finalised.
- 69 Terms of Reference (ToR) finalised in respect of the CFA project.
- 70 6 out of 11 contributors have agreed to submit papers for the CFA project. This is an ongoing process.
- 71 Nandini Devi contacted and arranged some meetings with former members of the SLMM for the CFA project. Some members verbally confirmed to participate in face to face interviews.
- 72 Ana Pararajasingham was informed by AusAid that CJPD's funding proposal is under review.
- 73 Venue booked and arranged to present the book on "International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka" to Charter members and potential members in Australia on 13th July 2008.
- 74 Advised that a sum of \$4,000 was remitted from Australia in respect of Charter Members.
- 75 Ana Pararajasingham met with Pacific Peacebuilding Initiatives in Australia to explore ways for potential joint projects and fund raising.
- 76 Romuald Pial made initial contacts with various international organisations in Geneva to establish a partner organisation for the Seminar on Children and Armed Conflict. As of yet, no confirmation has been made from these organisations. This is an ongoing process.
- 77 Vino Kanapathipillai has been allocated to draft the Terms of Reference for the Seminar on Children and Armed Conflict.
- 78 The Berghof Foundation was requested to submit further information on how the Tamil Diaspora can be politically motivated towards the conflict resolution in Sri Lanka

by the British High Commission in Sri Lanka for the Diaspora project. CJPD is the implementing partner for this project.

- 79 It was decided to publish the Tamil translation on 'International Dimension of the Conflict in Sri Lanka' in November 2008.

July 2008:

- 80 The midyear report along with the financial statement was submitted to partner organisations and International donors including the Royal Norwegian Government. This report was also sent to several other organisations and individuals who were interested in CJPD's work.
- 81 Mr. Ana Pararajasingham, the Project Manager and editor for the publication 'Sri Lanka: 60 Years of Independence' continued his engagement with potential contributors and authors who had agreed to contribute papers for the publication.
- 82 Mr. Ana Pararajasingham, Project Manager for the project on "Bridging the Gap between Self determination and Sovereignty" continued to seek papers on the topic from participants at the seminar held in May and from other experts as part of phase 2 of this project. Ms Nandini Devi assisted Mr. Pararajasingham in this process
- 83 Ms.Nandini Devi, Project Manager for the publication on the CFA continued to identify potential contributors and engage with them.
- 84 Mr.Ramould Pial, the Project officer for the 'Children and Armed Conflict' continued to explore possibilities with several international organisations to partner CJPD. Geneva call, a Geneva based INGO agreed to consider partnering CJPD and also jointly seeked other partners for the project.
- 85 The UN Human Rights Committee expressed interest in the project 'Children and Armed Conflict' but was unable to proceed as their mandate did not permit partnership arrangements.
- 86 Mr.Ramould Pial sought and obtained advice from Ms.Varena Graf , an experienced human rights campaigner in taking the project proposal on 'Children and Armed Conflict' to other potential partners.
- 87 Ms.Vinothini Kanapathipilai was assigned to contact USA and UK based organisations and individuals to seek financial support for the project on 'Children and Armed Conflict'
- 88 Mr.Anton Ponrajah, Director, Administration appraised the management team about the Royal Norwegian Government's support for certain projects.
- 89 Mr.Ana Pararajasingham was informed by AusAid that they were unable to assist but wrote that they were aware of the importance of CJPD's work.
- 90 Mr Ana Pararajasingham approached Australian based Tamil social organisations for financial support.

- 91 Ms.Nandini Devi sought advice from an acquaintance in EU about obtaining financial support from EU.
- 92 It was agreed that the 'UN Archives Project' was to be carried out in four stages. The first phase of the project commenced.
- 93 The CJPD seminar publication of 'The international dimension of the Sri Lanka' conflict was submitted to ISBN library centres, mailed to various universities, think tanks and other 'influentials'
- 94 Charter Members of CJPD in Sydney met to be appraised of CJPD's activities and presented were with a copy of the publication 'International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka'

August 2008:

- 95 Geneva Call communicated its commitment to the 'Children in Armed Conflict Project and had detailed discussions with CJPD on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and other related issues
- 96 Ms Nandini Devi continued to work on the Gender project proposal and revised the previous proposal and concluded to focus on women in armed conflict situations relating to UN adopted Resolution 1325.
- 97 Phase 2 of the project 'Sri Lanka: '60 Years of Independence' is underway.
- 98 Phase 2 of the project 'Bridging the Gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty' is underway.
- 99 Mr.Austin Fernando, former Sri Lanka, Defence Secretary agreed to be interviewed for the publication on the CFA.
- 100 Ms Nandini Devi Project Manager has begun field research. Contacts were established with SLMM members.

September 2008:

- 101 Ms Nandini Devi participated in two gender seminars in Geneva in order to improve her understanding of the issues in regard to the role of women in armed conflicts,
- 102 Discussions with experts (including Ms.Niamlka Fernando and Ms.Verna Graf) on gender related issues by Nandini Devi.
- 103 The questionnaire relating to field research in respect of the publication on the CFA was prepared by Nandini Devi and discussed with advisers to the project.

- 104 Appointments arranged with members of the SLMM.
- 105 Ms Nandini Devi travelled to Italy to interview a Local Committee Monitoring member of SLMM now residing in Italy.
- 106 As part of Phase 2 of the project Ms Nandini Devi continued to contact potential contributors and authors who had agreed to contribute for the publication on the CFA but had to seek more potential contributors.
- 107 Thirty one (31) contributors have agreed to contribute to the publication Sri Lanka: '60 Years of Independence'.
- 108 Prof. Fleiner's address at the seminar was transcribed and posted to him for his approval to be included in the publication on 'Bridging the Gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty. Approval was obtained.
- 109 The publication 'International Dimension to the Conflict of Sri Lanka' was launched in Sydney for a group of 40 people.
- 110 Ms.Nandini Devi, Mr.Ramould and Mr. Anton Ponrajaha participated in the 9th session of UNHRC.
- 111 A revised version of 'Children and Armed Conflict' project proposal drafted by Geneva Call and CJPD was circulated among potential contributors.
- 112 Geneva Call and CJPD begun to work on fund raising strategy for the project on 'Children and Armed Conflict'
- 113 A timetable was prepared by Ms.Vinothini Kanapathipilai on the project "'Children and Armed Conflict'
- 114 French version of the project proposal on 'Children and Armed Conflict' was prepared.
- 115 The Management team explored the possibility of annual Strategy meeting in November.
- 116 Book Launch of the publication "International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka" to a group of 25-40 members of the public in Sydney, Australia
- 117 Mr Ana Pararajasingham met with Sydney University based Peace Study Centre.
- 118 An amount of \$6,000 was remitted by CJPD Australia of which \$5,000 was in respect of Charter Members and Support Members and \$1,000 on sale of the Publication 'International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka.
- 119 Tamil translation of the publication, "International Dimensions of the Conflict in Sri Lanka" was finalised by Mr Elango Nadarajah

October 2008:

- 120 As at end of October 10 papers were received in respect of the 'Sri Lanka: '60 Years of Independence publication. All contributors advised of a 30th December deadline.
- 121 As at end of October of 3 papers were received in respect of the publication on Bridging the Gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty.
- 122 As part of Phase 2 of the CFA project, Ms Nandini Devi has continued to engage with all potential contributors.
- 123 As part of Field Research in respect of the CFA project, Nandini Devi has conducted 4 interviews to date.
- 124 In respect of the ' Children and Armed Conflict' project. Terms of Reference (ToR) were submitted to Humanitarian Law Project, a US based ECOSOC NGO and IMADOR, a Asian ECOSOC NGO with a view to seek their partnership.
- 125 It was agreed between Geneva Call and CJPD that Geneva Call will contact the German and French governments for financial support in respect of funding the project on 'Children and Armed Conflict'.
- 126 Geneva Call has agreed to meet 50 percent of the funding in respect of 'Children and Armed Conflict'.
- 128 Mrs.Tarcisus, CJPD accountant began work on CJPD annual accounts.
- 129 Mr.Charles Aseervatham was appointed to coordinate CJPD's administration in the UK.

November 2008:

- 130 Annual Strategy Meeting conducted with participation of Berghof Foundation.
- 131 Mr. Anton Ponrajah and Mr. Ana Pararajasingham prepared the Annual Report for 2008 and Project Proposals for 2009 and 2010.
- 132 15 Papers were received as at end of November in respect of the publication 'Sri Lanka: '60 Years of Independence'.
- 133 6 papers were received as at end of November in respect of publication on Bridging the Gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty.
- 134 Mr. Ana Pararajasingham met with Dr.Danielle Celemajer, Director of Global Studies at the University of Sydney who expressed her interest on CJPD's work and indicated that she may be able to assist by contributing papers.
- 135 The Canton of Geneva was contacted to consider extending r financial support for the project on Children and Armed Conflict'

- 136 Two former Heads of the SLMM were interviewed by Ms. Nandini Devi as part of the CFA project in addition to SLMM monitors.
- 137 Ms.Helen Ólafsdóttir agreed to contribute a paper for chapter 4 of the project.
- 138 Mr. Gajen Ponnambalam and Mr. Ana Pararajasingham submitted their drafts on the CFA publication.
- 139 Ms.Nandini Devi met Sri Lanka based gender activist and Member of parliament from Jaffna, Ms.Pathmini Sithamparanthan and discussed the possibilities of developing contacts with Jaffna based gender activists.
- 140 Anton Ponrajah met with officials of the Swiss foreign ministry and briefed them on progress on CJPD projects. He also explored the possibilities of Swiss support for next financial year. The meeting took place before the sitting of the Swiss Foreign Ministry to review its annual program.
- 141 Strategy meeting held with participation by Berghof Foundation.
- 142 Ana Pararajasingham met with potential Charter Members in the UK. It was agreed that Mr. Charles Aseerwatham would follow-up on these this meetings.
- 143 Mr. Ana Pararajasingham and Mr. Charles Aseerwatham met with the Mayor of Southwark and apprised her of CJPD's work.
- 144 The proposal on 'Women in Conflict Resolution, Peace and Development in Sri Lanka' was finalized.

December 2008:

- 145 Narrative reports on all the ongoing projects were submitted to Norwegian Government.
- 146 Financial and narrative reports submitted to Berghof Foundation.
- 147 24 Papers were received as at end of December in respect of the publication 'Sri Lanka: '60 Years of Independence'. Phase 2 of the Project was completed.
- 148 8 papers were received as at end of December in respect of publication on Bridging the Gap between Self Determination and Sovereignty. Phase 2 of the Project was completed.
- 149 The MoU between Geneva Call and CJPD was finalized with Geneva Call agreeing to contribute \$10,000 for the project on Children and Armed Conflict'.
- 150 Geneva Call advised that the Embassy of Canada had agreed to contribute \$10 000 dollars for the project on Children and Armed Conflict on the condition that the seminar is conducted by end of March 2009.
- 151 The search for a partner organisation to conduct the project 'Women in Conflict Resolution, Peace and Development in Sri Lanka' is underway.

Financial Reports

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Income

Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Norway	241'206.03
Berghof Foundation	125'983.78
Individual Contributions	56'932.80
TOTAL INCOME	424'122.61

Expenditure

Administrative expenses	259'830.82
Establishment expenses	64'477.99
General expenses	86'058.59
Financial costs	306.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	410'673.79
INCOME/EXPENDITURE	13'448.82

**BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

Fixed Assets

Office Equipment	12'792.06
Furniture & Fixtures	<u>4462.50</u>
	17'254.56

Current Assets

Other Debtors	10'740.00
Bank Account	<u>97'479.94</u>
	108'219.94

Current Liabilities

Tax Office	10'478.92
Wages	6'367.76
Credit Card (Creditors)	7'321.50
Accruals	66'921.00
Other Creditors	<u>2'260.00</u>
	93'349.18

Total Assets less Current Liabilities **32'125.32**

Financed by

Income & Expenditure A/C 01-01-08	18'676.50
Income & Expenditure A/C 31-12-08	<u>13'448.82</u>
	32'125.32