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Tamil Canadians thank the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Ms.Jeyalalitha in taking a correct stand on Eelam Tamils

Toronto – Tamil Canadians congratulates Tamil Nadu Chief Minister for spelling out the way the Eelam Tamil's political question to be resolved. She also requested the Indian government to sponsor a resolution at the United Nations in conducting a referendum among Eelam Tamils to decide their own destiny. She also stated what is going on against Tamils in North-East of Sri Lanka is a genocide.

While some leaders of Eelam origin claiming to be representing Eelam Tamils deny the right of their own people and asking for a united Sri Lanka, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's assertion that the Tamil People's right to their own destiny needed to be applauded.

According to International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Article 1, in accordance with the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations
"All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development."

Tamils living in the North and East of Sri Lanka are a distinct ethnic group with their own language, religions, culture and history. According to UN Tamils constitute a Nation.

"We along with the Tamil Nadu Government demand on a sustainable and just political solution based on the inalienable right to self-determination in order to prevent the emergence of another violent war. In line with the precedents set in East Timor and South Sudan, an internationally monitored referendum *among the Tamils originally from North and East of Sri Lanka* will facilitate basic political and human rights to help the Tamil people peacefully determine their own future in the island" he concluded.

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composed of publicly elected representatives from across Canada that serves to organize Tamil-Canadians on a democratic and cooperative basis.