



This trade union branch/body agrees to affiliate to the Tamil Solidarity.

Regarding Tamils in Sri Lanka, we note:

- *Since the slaughter of tens of thousands of civilians by Sri Lankan armed forces in 2009, Tamils continue to be oppressed.*
- *Many are still in camps, prisons or have disappeared without trace.*
- *Predominantly Tamil land in the north and east remains under military*
- *Armed forces continue to carry out repressive state orders, including denial of remembering the victims of war.*
- *No one has been held accountable for the well-documented war crimes and human rights abuses.*
- *Religious rights of Muslims are attacked and various discriminatory measures implemented.*

On the general situation in Sri Lanka, we note:

- *Sri Lanka is still unsafe for journalists and campaigners for workers' and human rights.*
- *'Free economic zones' give multinationals a free rein to exploit sweatshop labour. They are continuously denied rights to join a trade union. Poor Sinhala workers from rural areas are forced to live in dire conditions to work in these zones.*
- *Privatisation, job losses and cut-backs in public services are hitting working people and the poor hard. Economic conditions of the workers and poor have worsened since the Covid pandemic.*
- *Plantation workers continue to be gravely exploited with wages below living standards. Many are still living in inadequate lined housing built by the British colonial rulers.*

For Tamils in Britain we note:

- *Cuts to vital services have a huge impact on Tamil communities, the majority live in poorer areas of big cities.*
- *Workers from Tamil backgrounds are concentrated in low-paid, often unorganised sectors.*
- *Tamils are among those facing a rise in anti-immigrant and racist attacks.*
- *The government continues to deport Tamil refugees back to Sri Lanka – to further persecution.*

Tamil Solidarity:

- *Is a non-sectarian standing for the rights of workers and all oppressed people in Sri Lanka regardless of their ethnic or religious background.*
- *Has launched a 'join a union' initiative to increase Tamil worker involvement in the trade union movement in Britain. And involve in all struggle of the working class that is taking place across Britain.*
- *Helped to launch Refugee rights campaign, fighting for 'everyone's right to work'.*

Tamil Solidarity calls for an independent war crimes investigation and the withdrawal of troops from Tamil areas; an end to arms sales to Sri Lanka; for democratic rights and independent trade unions; the right of Tamils to self-determination.

<p>Affiliation details are: £50 per branch (or similar sized body)</p> <p>£100-£150 per district/region/group</p> <p>£250 for national union body.</p>	<p>Payee Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payee name: Tamil Solidarity• Account number: 20231862• Sort code: 60 83 01 <p>Cheques to: 205, Well Street, London, E96QU Email - affiliate@tamilsolidarity.org Phone: 07932027202 Visit: www.tamilsolidarity.org</p>	<p>Affiliates receive a regular report from National Coordinating Committee (NCC), notification of events and updates.</p> <p>We welcome questions/suggestions to strengthen our links with the trade union movement. We can provide speakers to meetings and events. We encourage union branches to forward this motion to regional/national bodies as appropriate.</p>
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