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CONSTITUTION1. NAME.

The name of the organisation shall be "EELAM SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN", hereinafter referred to as "the ESC".

2. AIMS.

Recognising that the Tamil Nation is an oppressed nation in Sri Lanka, the primary aims of the ESC shall be to campaign and organise activities so as to enable the following :

- (a) The right of the Tamil speaking people of to self determination, including the right to
- (b) Full citizenship rights to all plantation workers in Sri Lanka.
- (c) Repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act and all other repressive laws.
- (d) Release of all political prisoners.
- (e) Withdrawal of troops from the traditional Tamil homelands.
- (f) The freedom of all political parties and individuals to campaign for their political views without persecution.
- (g) The establishment of an international independent inquiry into the violence against Tamils and Human Rights violations in Sri Lanka.

3. MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION.

- (a) Any person or organisation who subscribe to the aims of the ESC and pays the appropriate subscription shall be entitled to membership in the case of any person, and affiliation in the case of an organisation.
- (b) The subscription and affiliation shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- (c) An application for membership or affiliation shall be made in writing with the appropriate subscription.
- (d) The Executive Committee is vested with the discretion to reject an application for membership or affiliation, provided however the applicant may appeal to the General Meeting of the ESC against such rejection, and the decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS.

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the ESC shall be held in the month of November each year at which the following business shall be transacted :
  - (i) Reading and adoption of Minutes.
  - (ii) Adoption of annual report and statement of accounts.
  - (iii) Election of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers.
  - (iv) Any other matters which the Executive Committee may deem necessary; and

- (v) Any resolution duly proposed and seconded and submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

5. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

- (a) Special General Meetings of the ESC shall be convened at least three times a year for the purpose of discussing the activities of the ESC.
- (b) A minimum of two weeks notice in writing be given for a Special General Meeting.

6. EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING.

- (a) An Emergency General Meeting may be summoned by a decision of the Executive Committee to discuss any specified matter.
- (b) The Secretary shall convene an Emergency General Meeting where a request is made in writing signed by at least one quarter of the total paid up members to discuss any specified matter.
- (c) A minimum of one week's notice in writing shall be given for an Emergency General Meeting.

7. ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

- (a) All members shall be entitled to attend, participate and vote at all General Meetings of the ESC.

- (b) An affiliate organisation shall be entitled to send two named delegates on its behalf to attend General Meetings of the ESC. For the purpose of participation and voting each of such delegate shall have the same rights as any other member. A delegate who is also a member in his individual capacity shall be entitled to an additional vote.
- (c) The quorum at General Meetings of the ESC shall be one quarter of the total paid up membership.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
- (i) One member nominated by each recognised organisation.
- (ii) 9 members elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) "Recognised Organisation" for the purpose of this Article shall mean any organisation working for the liberation of the Tamil speaking people of Sri Lanka and recognised as such by the General Meeting of the ESC. For the purpose of this clause, the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation, the Liberation Front, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the Peoples Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, the Tamil United Liberation Front and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation are hereby deemed to be recognised organisations.

- (c) From among the members of the Executive Committee, a President, Secretary, 2 Assistant Secretaries and a Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Vacancies in the Executive Committee may be filled at any General Meeting of the ESC.
- (e) The Executive Committee may co-opt members without voting rights.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the functions of the ESC in terms of the decisions at General Meetings and in conformity with the aims of the ESC.
- (g) The Executive Committee may delegate any specified function or functions to the Office-bearers or any other member.
- (h) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month and a minimum of a week's notice shall be given for such meetings.
- (i) Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without prior notice to the Secretary shall be deemed to have ceased to be a Executive Member.
- (j) The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings and other records, for summoning meetings and for carrying out the day to day functions of the ESC under the direction and guidance of

the Executive Committee. The Assistant Secretaries shall provide all necessary support and assistance to the Secretary.

- (k) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the ESC, maintenance of appropriate records of accounts, preparation of quarterly statement of accounts for approval by the Executive Committee and for the operation of the bank account(s) together with other authorised persons.
- (l) The authorised signatories to operate the ESC bank accounts shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer and at least two signatures shall be required for cheques.
- (m) The President shall usually preside at all meetings of the ESC and in his absence any other member elected for the time being as chairperson shall preside. In the event of a tie, the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a casting vote.
- (n) The quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be 5.

#### 9. VOTING.

- (a) Voting at all meetings of the ESC shall be open and by a show of hands.
- (b) Anyone who has been a registered member or a delegate from an affiliate organisation for three months or more shall be entitled to vote at meetings of

the ESC.

10. BRANCHES.

Branches of the ESC may be formed outside the area of Greater London provided a minimum of ten members would be required to constitute a branch.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendments to the Constitution may be affected by a duly adopted resolution at a General Meeting of the ESC with at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote, vote in favour of the resolution.

12. In the event of desolving the ESC, the funds available should be given to a charitable organisation.

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