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சங்கத்தின் உபகுழுவால் தயாரிக்கப்பட்ட கடிதம்.

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Karai Welfare Society
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To:

His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka,

Mahinda Rajapaksa.

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Sri Lanka

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His Excellency the High Commissioner,
The High Commission of Sri Lanka,
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London - W2 3LU.

Your Excellency,

An Appeal to Lift Restrictions on the Free Movement of Our Internally
Displaced Kiths and Kins Detained in the IDP camps, enable them to
Return to their Homes in Karainagar.

On behalf of the Karai Welfare Society (KWS) we make this appeal to
you on humanitarian grounds, to lift Restrictions on the Free Movement
of our kiths and kins - the internally displaced Karainagar people,
presently detained in the IDP camps in Vanni, taking into account their
special circumstances, enable them to return to their homes and restart
a new life.

The KWS is an UK based, registered, voluntary- non-profitmaking- non-
political -charitable organization formed of expatriates of Karainagar,
Sri Lanka, with the objective of empowering and enhancing the life
standard of the people of our natal island. For nearly two decades,
time to time the KWS has offered various services to the natives of
Karinagar.

Now the war has ended in Sri Lanka and the people deserve a peace
dividend. But the country grapples with many challenges, problems and
tasks that are of overwhelming nature, and among them the challenge of
meeting the immediate needs of tens of thousands of displaced persons
and families in welfare centres and their speedy and safe resettlement
and rehabilitation should be given the priority.

At this juncture, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that the IDPs and families from Karainagar are in a better position to be resettled immediately without much effort, for the following reasons:

- 1.They have their own houses and their own private lands in Karainagar, which are very much, remain unaffected by the war. If needed, they themselves could carry out minor repairs and clear overgrown weeds and populated wild animals with a little humanitarian support and resettle in their homes.

- 2.They are in a position to resume economic livelihoods on their return with a little humanitarian support as they have the required skills and capabilities to re-engage in their occupational activities, which have been deprived due to forced displacement.

- 3.There are no land-mine threats in their areas.

The IDPs and families from Karainagar, who are presently confined to the IDP camps in Vanni are not residents of that district. They were forced to migrate due to conflict. They were dislocated from their homes, possessions, livelihoods and communities. They are civilians, not combatants. We have been informed that they had been screened and cleared by the security forces. We believe, it is inhumane and degrading to deny their rights to live in their own homes and occupy their private lands in light of the current changed circumstances.

As such we appeal to you to:

- Lift restrictions on the free movement of our internally displaced kiths and kins detained in the IDP camps, enable them to return to their homes in Karainagar.
- Ensure their speedy and safe return to their homes.
- Provide them with relief and rehabilitation support.
- Support them to resume their economic livelihoods.

Thank you,

Yours Sincerely,

Siva magesam