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### GOALS

- Full Access of independent observers and international media to all refugee camps in Sri Lanka
- Allow delivery of food and humanitarian supplies by NGOs to refugees in camps
- Expedited process for refugees to Canada for family reunification.
- Expedited process for the protection and care of children affected by the war, that is consistent with the 'Best Interests of the Child' principle articulated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Develop international support and reach out to other international players
- Push for a just political solution based on full rights for all citizens including the genuine aspirations of the minorities of Sri Lanka
- Advocacy for the safety and security of Internally Displaced Persons, their right to free movement and timely resettlement to their homes
- Call for prosecution of all Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes committed by any parties during the war

**CCSL was formed when individuals from all walks of life who were concerned about the humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka came together in June 2009. They included leaders and activists from a variety of organizations, including:**

- ◆ Urban Alliance on Race Relations
- ◆ Toronto & York Region Labour Council
- ◆ Canadian Tamil Congress
- ◆ Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
- ◆ Canadian Council of Refugees
- ◆ Canadian Federation of Students (Ontario)
- ◆ Canadian Peace Alliance
- ◆ Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- ◆ OCASI
- ◆ Canadian Academics for Tamil Rights
- ◆ United Church of Canada Toronto Conference
- ◆ FCJ Refugee Centre
- ◆ Sri Lanka Democracy Forum
- ◆ Tamil Labour Alliance
- ◆ UNITE HERE
- ◆ United Food & Commercial Workers
- ◆ United Steelworkers Toronto Area Council

Other well known supporters of the goals of CCSL include: Jehan Ahamed, John Argue, Bromley Armstrong, Marie Clarke-Walker, Peter Ferreira, Pam McConnell, Susan McGrath, Imam Abdul Hai Patel, and Uzma Shakir.

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