

# **RESOLUTION PASSED AT DISTRICTS' DELEGATES CONFERENCE**

**INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY – 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

*This Districts' Delegates Conference representing Social Organizations and being held at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo on this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of September 2006 to mark International Peace Day, takes note of the grave war situation prevailing in the country and the large scale violations of human rights, killings, abductions, loss of human lives and property as well as the tens of thousands of people displaced in the North East and the problems faced by them with regard to the lack of protection, food and shelter that have arisen as a result thereof.*

*We wish to draw attention to the International Peace Day declared by the United Nations Organization and the period 2001 to 2010 declared by the UN as the International Decade of Peace Culture and Nonviolence for Children. Even though the United Nations has guaranteed that peace is a basic human right, warring parties have seriously violated these rights during conflicts that are taking place today. Furthermore, immense pain is being caused to children on a large scale.*

*In these circumstances, the Conference wishes to put forward the following resolutions to the parties to the conflict, peoples of the countries and the International Community.*

- All parties engaging in war must ensure that the right to life of the people and the right to enjoy peace are not hindered.*
- Warring parties should abandon all war efforts that cause loss of life and property as well as large scale displacement of people and agree to resolve conflicts by peaceful and non-violent means.*
- Warring parties should ensure that children are not driven into war and that no harm is caused to their lives.*

*We wish to submit the following resolutions regarding the war situation prevailing in Sri Lanka.*

- The Government and LTTE should abandon their war efforts forthwith and commence discussions to resolve the conflict.*
- The Government should put forward a political solution based on sharing of power and commence discussion with third party facilitation.*
- Suitable relief should be provided to sections of the people who have been subjected to suffering caused by the large scale violation of human rights taking place in the country in general and in the North East in particular.*
- All sections of the people should contribute with commitment and extend their co-operation to the effort that is being made to achieve peace in this country through negotiations.*
- The International Community should extend their support to exert pressure on the Government and the LTTE to immediately stop the war prevailing in Sri Lanka at present and work towards a negotiated solution.*

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