

Interim Self-Governing Authority Proposal 2003

The November 2003 ISGA proposal tabled during the Norwegian-facilitated peace process; rejected by the Sri Lankan government.

The Interim Self-Governing Authority proposal of November 2003 was tabled by the LTTE during the Norwegian-facilitated peace process initiated by the 2002 Ceasefire Agreement. It proposed a transitional administrative authority for the Northern and Eastern Provinces during peace negotiations. The proposal was rejected by the Sri Lankan government and contributed to the breakdown of the peace process by 2006.

§1 What was proposed

The ISGA would have created a transitional five-year administrative authority with executive, legislative and judicial functions in the North-East, with majority Tamil representation and minority safeguards for Sinhalese and Muslims. International monitoring was envisaged. The proposal sat short of a federal solution and short of independence.

§2 Outcome

The Sri Lankan government rejected the ISGA as incompatible with the unitary state. The 2005 P-TOMS arrangement for tsunami-relief coordination was struck down by the Supreme Court. The peace process formally collapsed in January 2008 with the abrogation of the Ceasefire Agreement.

Sources

- [icg-srilanka](#)
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What this is not

- This page does not endorse the LTTE as the legitimate Tamil negotiating party.
- This page does not assert that the ISGA model is the current TLTE programme.