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## Executive summary

Posture: This is a neutral-inquiry pack. TLTE records that diaspora-led civil-society networks coordinated through WTM-Geneva and the Association Free Tamil Eelam (AFTE) are advancing a call at the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC63) for the establishment of a Country-Specific Special Rapporteur for Sri Lanka. TLTE does not co-sign that call. This pack asks UK MPs to ask HM Government to state its position on the proposal — not to support it.

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## 01 · Header · mandate · scope

A structured set of five written parliamentary questions to FCDO, plus a one-page MP letter template, plus citation register. The questions are designed so that tabling them is not endorsing the SR call. They are visibility questions about HMG's posture and process, not whip-line questions.

This is the parliamentary surface of the archive transmitted to TLTE through an anonymous introducer and indexed at </atlas/networks/wtm-geneva-briefing>. The HRC63 ledger lives at </atlas/networks/wtm-geneva-briefing/hrc63-watch>.

## 02 · Mapping to the call

Three structural reasons (codified in the Continuity Changelog, Entry 5):

1. Instrument distinction. TLTE's published UN-accountability instrument is OHCHR Resolution 51/1 OP6 (the Sri Lanka Accountability Project), renewed under HRC Resolution 60/1. A Country-Specific Special Rapporteur is a different instrument, framed by the Sri Lanka Core Group (UK, Canada, Malawi, Montenegro, North Macedonia). Co-signing the SR call would collapse that distinction.
2. Network composition. Several organisations in the archive share branding with an entity subject to foreign proscription. TLTE makes no legal finding on the proscription; the institution simply does not enter joint letterhead with any branded entity in that family.
3. TLTE neutrality. TLTE is a stateless civilisational framework, not a lobby. Co-signing a Special Procedures proposal would be a substantive policy commitment incompatible

## 03 · Article-by-article submission · legal standard · evidence · ask

1. Position on the SR proposal. What HMG's position is on the proposal advanced by diaspora-led civil-society networks at HRC63 for a Country-Specific Special Rapporteur for Sri Lanka.
2. Criteria

for Special Procedures. What criteria HMG applies when deciding whether to support, oppose, or remain neutral on a Country-Specific Special Rapporteur proposal, with reference to the Core Group's penholder responsibilities. 3. OHCHR Accountability Project vs SR mandate. What assessment has been made of the distinction between the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project (HRC Res. 51/1 OP6, renewed under 60/1) and an SR mandate, including consequences for evidence preservation. 4. UK negotiating posture at HRC63. Whether HMG, as penholder of the Sri Lanka Core Group, will publish its negotiating posture for HRC63 in advance of the draft resolution. 5. Consultative mechanisms. What consultative mec

#### 04 · Consolidated recommendations

Dear Minister,

I write to seek clarification of HM Government's position on the proposal — advanced by diaspora-led civil-society networks at the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council — for the establishment of a Country-Specific Special Rapporteur for Sri Lanka.

I do not, by writing, take a position on the proposal itself. My purpose is to ensure that the parliamentary record reflects HM Government's posture on a matter being actively advanced at a UN body where the United Kingdom serves as penholder of the Sri Lanka Core Group.

I would be grateful if the Department could set out:

1. HMG's current position on the proposal; 2. The criteria the Department applies to such proposals at the HRC; 3. The Department's assessment of the relationship between the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project (HRC Res. 51/1 OP6, renewed under 60/1) and a Country-Specific Special Rapporteur

#### 05 · Annexes · case documentation

|| Anchor | Tier || - | ----- | ---- || 1 | OHCHR · Sri Lanka Accountability Project (HRC Res. 46/1, 51/1, 57/1, renewed 60/1) | A || 2 | HRC Resolution 51/1 OP6 — Sri Lanka | A || 3 | OHCHR · Manual of Operations of the Special Procedures | A || 4 | Sri Lanka Core Group at the HRC (UK as penholder) | A | | 5 | TLTE Atlas · WTM-Geneva / AFTE Briefing — /atlas/networks/wtm-geneva-briefing | TLTE Cite-Only | | 6 | TLTE Atlas · HRC63 Watch ledger — /atlas/networks/wtm-geneva-briefing/hrc63-watch | TLTE Cite-Only || 7 | TLTE Continuity Changelog · Entry 5 (WTM-Geneva / AFTE archive received) | TLTE Continuity | | 8 | TLTE Outreach · Acknowledgement of Receipt (OUTREACH-001, archive-only) | TLTE Continuity |

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