

Dear Prime Minister Aso and Foreign Minister Nakasone,

As Sri Lanka's largest donor and close regional partner, we call on you as citizens from every region of the world, to immediately take all possible actions to stop the human bloodbath that is unfolding in Sri Lanka. We URGE you TO:

- Demand that the parties to the conflict protect all civilians from harm, regardless of whether they remain trapped or have fled from the conflict zone;
- Support the UN Security Council to formally assess the situation, deliver humanitarian aid and gain access to the conflict zone; and
- Ensure your development aid promotes sustainable peace and human rights now and as the conflict concludes.

Japan has a proud recent history of humanitarian assistance. Your urgent response could help to save countless civilian lives.

Yours sincerely,