

SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKA'S DOMESTIC MECHANISMS GATHERING MOMENTUM IN THE US SENATE

Over the past two months, there has been a growing number of US Senators who have been calling upon the US government and the international community to be of meaningful assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka.

This growing group of Senators have called upon the US to give due regard to Sri Lanka's sovereignty, stability and security, in establishing domestic mechanisms to deal with any grievances arising from actions committed during and after the civil war in Sri Lanka. The US Senate resolution 364 which carries such a request was initially co-sponsored by 11 Senators of the US on 27th February, 2014, and by now, 6 more Senators have supported the Resolution which also calls upon the US President to develop a comprehensive and a well-balanced policy towards Sri Lanka.

The Resolution further expresses support for Sri Lanka's internal reconciliation process and acknowledges the significant overall progress that Sri Lanka has made since the end of the conflict, 5 years ago. The Resolution particularly calls on the President of the US not only to look at human rights interests in its dealings with Sri Lanka, but also consider the United States' economic and security interests in Sri Lanka as well.

More Senators are expected to join as co-sponsors in the coming weeks, signifying an unprecedented support for Sri Lanka's domestic mechanisms.



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