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This event will assess Sri Lanka's Commitment to UN Human Rights Council about

holding an inquiry - with international participation – against those who committed War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide against Tamil people.

Speaker: Mr. Peter Haynes QC – Internationally renowned legal expert & MAP Panellist

Moderator: Mr Robert Evans – Former Member of European Parliament.

When: 10 March 2016 (Thursday)

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Where: Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Following the Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Investigation on Sri Lanka, dated 16 September 2015, and the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on 'Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka,' dated 1 October 2015, the Sri Lankan Government undertook to establish accountability mechanisms to address the crimes committed during the Sri Lankan armed conflict. These will include a special criminal court with foreign judges and prosecutors.

On 19 November 2015 the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) established an International Panel consisting of renowned legal experts called 'The Sri Lanka Monitoring and Accountability Panel' (MAP) <http://war-victims-map.org> to monitor the UN mandated accountability process and to ensure that Sri Lanka does not take steps to evade or blunt the UN Resolution calling for the investigation of these killings.

This MAP shall undertake independent monitoring from a victims' perspective and offer us advice and recommendations on the transitional justice mechanism in Sri Lanka. This advice will help victims become meaningful 'stakeholders' in the process. It will also expose the duplicity of the Sri



Families of disappeared

Lankan Government.

These experts will monitor the design and implementation of the transitional justice mechanisms in Sri Lanka, including the judicial measures to investigate and prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the event

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ABOUT SRI LANKA MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PANEL (MAP):

On 19 November 2015 the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) nominated a panel of five legal experts to monitor the design and implementation of the transitional justice mechanisms in Sri Lanka, including the judicial measures to investigate and prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

The Monitoring Accountability Panel – or “MAP” – started its work on 1st December 2015.

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The MAP will provide independent monitoring, advice, and recommendations, focusing on the effectiveness of accountability measures from a victims’ perspective. It will also consider issues of fair trial and due process for suspects and accused persons.

Panel Member, Richard J Rogers, stated: “Fifteen years after the first hybrid tribunal emerged in East Timor, we’ve seen several models of varying quality—but no fixed templates. Far from being bound in any way, wise planners are free to cherry-pick past successes, negotiate around pitfalls, and fill gaps with innovative solutions. With its vast collective experience, the MAP will offer constructive advice and guidance to those seeking to bring justice to Sri Lankan victims.”

The views and recommendations of the Panel will enable victims and other stakeholders to participate more effectively in the process and thus enhance the legitimacy of the measures.

Panel Member Marie Guiraud added: “The success of any transitional justice measures depends, to a large extent, on the willingness of victims and other 2 stakeholders to participate and claim ownership. The MAP plans to consult widely with affected communities and ensure that their views are taken into account in the design and implementation of accountability mechanisms for Sri Lanka.”

The Members of the MAP (in alphabetical order) are:

- Marie Guiraud (France)
- Peter Haynes QC (UK)
- Richard J Rogers (UK)
- Heather Ryan (USA)
- Justice Ajit Prakash Shah (India)

Geoffrey Robertson QC will act as a consultant to the Panel, providing additional independent advice.

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