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Dear <<First Name>>,

Thank you for supporting the vision and mission of USTAG. A special thank you if you spoke or attended our strategy session this year. Your engagement with our cause gives us hope for the future of the Tamil struggle.

**Through support from people like you, we were able to accomplish great things this month, including a successful strategy session that brought together organizations and leaders from all over the world and the Homeland to discuss how to move forward with the Tamil cause.**

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## **Strategy Session 2020**



Last weekend, (11/21-22/2020), USTAG partnered with diaspora organizations around the world and leaders in the Homeland to discuss a pathway forward in pursuing the Tamil struggle. With a total of a hundred attendees from at least 20 different organizations, businesses and political parties, the strategy session included lively discussion and a diverse set of perspectives, which are all important for the future of the Tamil cause. The Session was divided up into three parts, Preserving the Homeland, Capacity Building, and Justice and

Accountability. Common consensus and action items were established within each theme which are set to be pursued this upcoming year. For a full summary of this year's strategy session, please click below.

## USTAG Strategy Session 2020 Summary

### Resolution Draft

We are working with Congressman Brad Sherman on a resolution draft calling for an end to enforced disappearances in Asia and around the world, and calling upon the United States to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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### State of War Blog Series

We have released a [blog series](#) on our website that details the ongoing struggle of slow motion ethnic cleansing in the homeland. For our latest post in this series, please click [here](#).

### Discussing the Tamil Struggle ahead of the Biden Administration with Senate staff

Early this week, a few Executive Committee members from USTAG met with a senior Senate Foreign Affairs staff member. We gave updates on what problems were brought up in the strategy session and asked about how the upcoming Biden administration would confront the ongoing issues in Sri Lanka.

We expressed our appreciation for Secretary Pompeo's statement on accountability issues during his Oct. 29 visit to Sri Lanka. The staffperson was optimistic for the future of human rights with the new administration. He cited the incoming Biden circle's familiarity with the problems in Sri Lanka, coupled with the fact that the United States will join the UNHRC again as reasons for hope. While he was not confident of the possibility of economic sanctions, he felt other actions such as sanctioning individuals via the Global Magnitsky Act, if not for human rights abuse, then for corruption was eminently do-able.

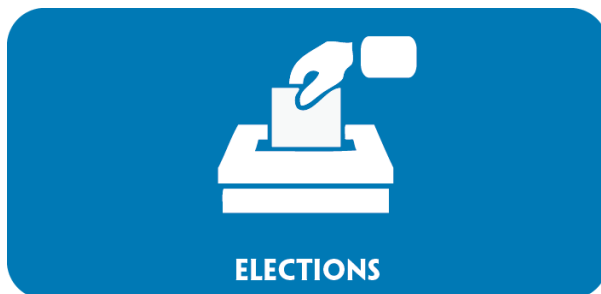
While we wait for the actual appointments to determine the future course of our advocacy efforts during the Biden-Harris administration, the conversation has

given us hope that there is still room to pursue accountability and also a motive to act on a united front.



## Announcements & Continued Projects

### USTAG Elections



A Nomination Committee has been selected to prepare for the election of our Governing Council ahead of our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 19.

### REMINDER: PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

If you have not done so already, please stay current with your involvement with USTAG by paying your dues this year. You must be fully paid to participate in the upcoming election and to be a member of the Governing Council. Being a member is the best way you can continue to stay in the loop on what's happening in the United States on Eelam Tamil issues and the best way to serve the Tamil people from here in the US. Remember to pay your dues before the year is over through our [website](#). To renew your membership, please click [here](#). To start a new membership, please click [here](#).

## New Constitution and Bylaws

A Bylaws Committee set up by our Governing Council has suggested revisions to our constitution and bylaws to assure our organization operates more effectively. These updates will be voted on during our Dec. 19 AGM. If you have any questions, please email [info@theustag.org](mailto:info@theustag.org) for more information.

## Congressional Advocacy Internship

USTAG strongly values the involvement of young people in our cause. For this reason, we work every week with young people across the country on Zoom and help them become better advocates for justice and peace for Tamils in Sri Lanka. We are always welcoming passionate, young individuals to join us in our mission. **If you know a young person who is passionate about justice and human rights, please consider sharing [this flyer](#) with them or email [outreach@theustag.org](mailto:outreach@theustag.org) for more details.**



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## Show your Support for Tamils in Sri Lanka

To continue doing the important work we do, we need support from passionate people like you now more than ever. YOU can deliver hope not only to our cause but also directly to Tamils in Sri Lanka by supporting our work.

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