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**Statement issued by the Rt Hon the Lord Naseby,
Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sri Lanka**

The Rt Hon the Lord Naseby, Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sri Lanka has personally contacted the private office of the Foreign Secretary, the Rt Hon David Miliband about the question asked by Elfyn Llwyd, MP on Tuesday 24th February 2009 in which Elfyn Llwyd, MP stated "Some of the signals coming from the Sri Lankan Government imply that they are quite prepared to go ahead with acts of genocide".

The Foreign Secretary's private office stated that the response made by the Foreign Secretary was in no way intended to agree with the statement on 'genocide' made by Elfyn Llwyd, MP and should not be interpreted as such by the LTTE and its supporters.

Lord Naseby believes it to be imperative that the LTTE respond to requests from the EU and the Co-chairs to release the civilians immediately and lay down their arms. In addition, the British Government need to make it crystal clear to UK Tamil diaspora that they too must bring pressure to bear on the LTTE; Tamil Tigers.

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