

Association Mauritanienne pour la Promotion du droit
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Oral Statement by Association Mauritanienne pour la Promotion du droit (AMAPROD) to the General Debate on Agenda Item 2, the OHCHR investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL).

Read by: Ananthi Sasitharan

Thank you Chair,

We welcome the UN Human Rights Council for remaining focused on the crimes committed in the island of Sri Lanka.

Today, I stand before this assembly, representing the NGO **AMAPROD**. I am also representing the Tamil people as an elected councillor of the **Northern Provincial Council** in the island of Sri Lanka.

I am a direct eyewitness to several crimes from 1983 to date, including the **massive genocidal war** on Vanni in 2009.

On 18 May 2009, I was present in person, witnessing, how my husband was taken into a bus, after being handed over to the Sri Lankan military.

I am still searching for my husband. I am one of the thousands of affected victims. I also represent the families of enforced disappeared.

I want to express the reservations of the affected victims regarding the Hybrid Court and the Sri Lankan State becoming a party in the investigation. The State that committed genocide cannot be party to an investigation.

The Northern Provincial Council has demanded the **independent international investigation** on all crimes including genocide.

The resolution presented at this assembly ignores the call for international investigations into the main crime against the Tamil people.

These proposals also ignore the political question, which is the root cause of the conflict.

The **unitary state system** in the island denies Tamils **nationhood, sovereignty** and the **right to self-determination**.

Without these being addressed, there can be no political solution, no justice, no security nor reconciliation for the Tamil people.

Therefore, we remain firm in demanding **independent international investigations**.

Thank you very much for your attention!