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Mr. Selvan Patchamuthu selvanp@yahoo.com North Carolina World Thamil Organization is shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr. A. P. Venkateswaran, Former Foreign Secretary of the Indian Government. World Thamil Organization is a non-profit organization incorporated in the United States of America and it has been functioning since 1991.

Mr. Venkateswaran was one of the rare, very few Indian Government officials who stood for justice and fairness and had the courage of conviction to express their honest opinion. Mr. Venkateswaran resigned his high position to protest against the unfair insult hurled at him publicly by the then-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

All the Tamil people all over the world are grateful to Mr. A. P. Venkateswaran for the forthright and correct position he took in his efforts to help the people in Tamil Eelam against the machinations and manipulations of the fascist, racist Sinhalese. He was annoyed by the support provided to the Sinhalese by the Government of India to suppress the aggreesors. The recent interview that Mr. Venkateswaran has given to Tehelka News has clearly revealed how New Delhi's unfortunate position has resulted in huge damage to the cause of the Tamils in Eelam. WTO sincerely hopes that the Government of India will change its stand on Tamil issue and start working with the Tamil leaders and the diaspora to bring about a just and equitable political solution in the island of Lanka without further delay.

We express our deepest condolences and convey our sympathies to the family of Mr. Venkateswaran.

Sincerely,

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