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Honourable Michelle Bachelet  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Geneva

**Sri Lanka**

Dear Madam High Commissioner!

Further to my letter of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which was written in a hurry, though time is limited I need to bring an important matter to your kind notice which skipped my mind due to the hurry with which my earlier missive was prepared.

Let me add this piece to my earlier letter as an addendum.

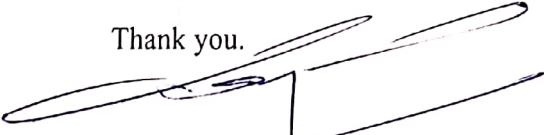
**An Addendum to my letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

## **Ongoing Torture and Sexual Violence**

There is overwhelming evidence that the Police and the Military in Sri Lanka persist in torture. Tamil journalists are being assaulted and harassed. Recent days have seen photographs emerging in social media of their being assaulted and their bearing the wounds. AS I said earlier the International Truth and Justice Project has been documenting cases of torture survivors in the United Kingdom and their report released today includes horrific detail of what happens to these young men in detention.

I am sorry to say with all respect that all that the UN does when it does receive such information is that they reference it briefly every year without investigating or taking steps to address the extent of the torture. It is time for OHCHR to speak out boldly on this issue and meet the victims and champion them.

Thank you.

  
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