

The Declaration of the Tamil People-Grand Bay [Mauritius]

Declaration by the Tamil people at the International Tamil Diaspora Solidarity Conference organized by the Mauritius Tamil Temple Federation on the 10th of November 2013 in Calodyne, Mauritius.

Preamble

Tamils are the distinct people with unique language, culture and values who live in or originated from India and Sri Lanka. Our language is one of the six classical languages and around 80 million people, living in around 70 countries, identify themselves as Tamils.

We the Tamils have always been peaceful and respectful of others rights, language, culture and values in our respective countries where we live and always contributed significantly to the nation building and development.

While some countries have respected and recognized the rights of the Tamil people, a few countries have denied the basic rights, basic human needs and a few are actively oppressing the Tamil people.

The Tamil people pledge to take the responsibility to take up the cause of the Tamil people with the appropriate stakeholders and international community to address the denial of basic rights, basic human needs and oppression.

In our pursuit for **Global Tamil Renaissance (GTR)** and the defense of Tamil people's rights and dignity, we have decided to set up an International Working Group.

This group will in addition work towards the establishment of coercive, progressive and secular global Tamil community regardless of geographical boundaries.