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To: Asylum Processes Stakeholder Group

**NON SUSPENSIVE ASYLUM APPEALS: SRI LANKA**

I am writing to inform you of a change which is to be made to the list of countries designated for non-suspensive appeals under Section 94 of the 2002 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act.

Ministers have decided in the light of the deterioration in the situation in Sri Lanka, to remove it from the list of designated countries. An Order giving effect to this decision is being laid in Parliament on 12 December and will come into force on 13 December.

The escalation in violence in Sri Lanka has not affected all parts of the country to the same degree and we are examining whether it is appropriate to re-introduce in the near future a partial geographic designation for the purposes of non-suspensive appeal. We are also clear that the situation in Sri Lanka is not such that we should cease returns or grant leave to remain in the UK to Sri Lankans on the basis of the general situation alone. Each asylum and human rights claim made by Sri Lankans will, as now, continue to be considered on its individual merits. This will include continuing to certify claims from Sri Lankans which are clearly unfounded on a case-by-case basis while ensuring that those individuals in genuine fear of persecution receive the protection they need.

Yours faithfully

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