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In light of the current situation in Sri Lanka and the need for focused attention on the persistent human rights abuses in the country, including the well documented allegations of wide-spread torture, please find enclosed a copy of *The Rule of Law in Decline - a study on the prevalence, determinants and causes of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CIDTP) in Sri Lanka.*

The study seeks to give a comprehensive breakdown of the legal and institutional set-up in Sri Lanka where torture is concerned and an assessment of whether the system lives up to international legal standards. Further, the Study seeks to analyze how this legal and institutional framework functions in practice in order to identify possible gaps in the system that may lead to the occurrence of torture and CIDTP. The study also offers a list of specific recommendations on how to reform the police, the prisons and oversight bodies.

The Study has been conducted by a Sri Lankan lawyer with the support of the Danish based Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims.

We greatly encourage you to share the study with other organizations or institutions that you think may find it relevant for their work. The study is available as a download on our website www.rct.dk. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions or if we may be able to help you with other information.

Yours Sincerely,

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