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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Government of Sri Lanka's Proposal to the LTTE Regarding a Provisional Administrative Council
<b>Date</b>	20 Jul 2003
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Sri Lankan Civil War (1983 - 2009) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Sri Lanka LTTE 2002 onward process
<b>Parties</b>	Government of Sri Lanka; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	Framework for the establishment of a Provisional Administrative Council for the LTTE, drafted by the government at the request of the LTTE.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.

Migrant  
workers

No specific mention.

Racial/  
ethnic/  
national  
group

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 1, Introduction, Therefore - being an integral part of the process towards a negotiated settlement of the ethnic conflict - the establishment and continued operation of this interim administrative arrangement will depend on a continued dialogue between the parties both in the context of this administrative structure as well in the negotiations towards a final solution of the conflict.

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

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1) Chairperson, Composition and Relationship to the Council

... b. The other members will also be appointed by the Council. In appointing such members, due consideration will be given to ensure adequate representation of the ethnic composition of the District in question.

Religious groups

Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical

Page 1, Introduction

... Given the understanding between the Parties during plenary sessions of negotiations that a Muslim delegation should be accommodated when issues of concern to the Muslim population is being deliberated, it is the view of GOSL that:

- A Muslim delegation must participate in the discussions relating to establishment of a provisional administrative structure for the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
- That it should be open to the SLMC to submit separate proposal pertaining to the establishment of the above mentioned structure.

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Indigenous people

No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/  
displaced  
persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

Women,  
girls and  
gender No specific mention.

Men and  
boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

Nature of  
state  
(general) No specific mention.

State  
configuration No specific mention.

Self  
determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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**Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed)

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions

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Elections No specific mention.

Electoral  
commission No specific mention.

Political  
parties  
reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 3, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Finances  
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b. allocated by GOSL to NERF; and  
c. such resources as are received for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Northern and Eastern Provinces other than through NERF.

Traditional/  
religious  
leaders No specific mention.

Public  
administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

Political  
power  
sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→General  
Sub-state level

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Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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### **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

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### **Rights related issues**

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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**Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

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... The objective of establishing such an arrangement is to ensure rapid improvement in the life of the population in the eight districts in the north and east, while LTTE and GOSL at the same time are actively engaged in a dialog to arrive at a negotiated settlement based on the agreement reached during the third session of the negotiations in Oslo in December 2002.

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Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

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National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	<p>Page 3, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Finances</p> <p>1. The Council will - giving due consideration to an equitable distribution - determine the use of funds placed at its disposal. The Council will further identify such utilization by State agencies, NGOs, international agencies, private sector agencies for administration, rehabilitation reconstruction and development in the North-East region. The funds made available to the work of the Council will include - but not necessarily be limited to - such funds as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. received from Donors to the North East Reconstruction Fund (NERF)</li> <li>b. allocated by GOSL to NERF; and</li> <li>c. such resources as are received for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Northern and Eastern Provinces other than through NERF.</li> </ul> <p>Page 3, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Finances</p> <p>... 2. North East Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund (NERRF)</p> <p>It is recognised that NERF was established to cater for meeting the immediate needs of the population in the north and east. In order to enlarge the scope of this fund it is suggested that the funds should be modified to deal with both rehabilitation and reconstruction as well as cover medium term requirements. It is therefore suggested that the NERF is renamed NERRF.</p> <p>It is further proposed that the GOSL and the LTTE shall actively encourage contributions to NERRF. The Government will provide funding through NERRF wherever practical. Utilization of resources from NERRF will as mentioned above be directly determined and supervised by the Council.</p>
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

## Land, property and environment

Land reform/  
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

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Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	Page 2, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Powers and Functions of the Provisional Administrative Council, 1) It is proposed that the powers and functions of the Council will extend to: Adequate arrangements to enable the Council to participate effectively in the exercise and performance of such powers and functions as are at present being exercised and performed by the Government in respect of regional administration - except the area of police and security; land; and revenue - but including rehabilitation, reconstruction, and resettlement.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 1, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Provisional Administrative Council, It is proposed that a body called the Provisional Administrative Council for the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Council) will be set up for the administration of this region. ... 2. The composition of the Council shall consist of the following: ... b. Members nominated by the LTTE. ... 3. The number of members will be determined to ensure: a. A majority of the LTTE in the Council
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner  
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing  
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 3, Provisional Administrative Structure for the Northern and Eastern Province - Proposal for Discussion, Finances

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## Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source <http://tamilnation.co/conflictresolution/tamileelam/cnfZU06/factsheets/factsheet5.html>

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