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The Honourable Melany Joly. PC, MP. Minister of Foreign Affairs Global Affairs Canada 125 Sussex Dr, Ottawa, ON KIA OG2

Sent via email Melanie.Joly@international.gc.ca, melanie.joly@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Joly:

Re: Mr. Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton's letter dated August 14, 2024.

Ontario Centre for Policy Research (OCPR) based in Ottawa, researching and monitoring activities of the Transnational Tamil terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and its influence in Canadian democratic institutions.

Mr. Thushara Rodrigo, Sri Lanka consular general in Toronto, sent a letter outlining the negative impacts on the Sri Lankan community installing a Tamil Genocide Monument. Mr. Rodrigo serves Sri Lankan citizens and the diaspora, including Tamils and Sinhalese. Our research found no allegation against him discriminating Tamils when providing consular services.

Brown's letter claimed that Mr. Rodrigo's letter was a "foreign interference." OCPR respectfully rejects Brown's assertion.

Contrary to his claim, our intelligence research team uncovered that Viswanathan Rudrakumaran, Prime Minister of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE), exiled in the USA, sent a letter to Mayor Brown regarding the Tamil Genocide Monument interfering with municipal business. Please refer to the attached letter No. 1.

Further, C.W. Wigneshwaran, former Chief Minister of Northern Province, Sri Lanka, also sent a letter influencing matters that interested Wigneshwaran and requested strengthening support and collaboration with Brown and interfering with municipal business. Please refer to the attached letter No. 2.

Most importantly, Mr. Brown did not complain about these letters against Viswanathan Rudrakumaran, TGTE, USA, and C. W. Wignehswaran, Sri Lanka, to Foreign Affairs Canada, RCMP, or CSIS and did not consider them "foreign interference."

Contradiction

Brown's double-standard policy contradicts the City's procedure by-law 160-2004. *Municipal Act*, 2001, SO 2001, c. 25 (*Municipal Act*) restricts municipalities' power. City procedure by-law cannot be used arbitrarily; otherwise, the City's procedure by-law cannot supersede the *Municipal Act*.

It is very clear that Brown manipulated municipal procedure by-law and engaged in vote-bank politics. Brown's Tamil Genocide Monument violates the *Municipal Act* and interferes with federal prerogative power in "foreign affairs."

The Tamil terrorist group Liberation Tigers Tamil Eelam is a banned organization in Canada. National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT) and Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) are also listed as terrorist organizations under United Nations Security Council resolutions 1373. However, Brown has no objection to their association and does not consider them "foreign interference."

Under the legislation *Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act* RSC, 1985, c. C-23, section 2 (b) defined foreign interference as follows:

"Foreign-influenced activities within or relating to Canada that are detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person."

Our legal analysis concluded that Mr. Rodrigo's letter to Brown does not qualify as "foreign interference," but it is merely under "foreign relations" or "diplomatic relations."

If you need further details of our analysis, don't hesitate to contact our office.

Yours Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- (1) Letter to Brown from Viswanathan Rudrakumaran, Prime Minister of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE)
- (2) Letter to Brown from C.W. Wigneshwaran, former Chief Minister of Northern Province, Sri Lanka
- (3) Letter to Brown from Thushara Rodrigo, Consular General Toronto
- (4) Brown's Letter to Melany Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada.