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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**IDC CONDEMNS EASTER 2019 DEADLY ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA**

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions worldwide in expressing strong and unequivocal condemnation of the targeted massacre and killings of nearly 300 persons and injury to over 500 others in series of devastating suicide bombings of Christian churches and hotels on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. The country is grieving amidst the unprecedented carnage described by officials as a "brand-new type of terrorism".

IDC considers this most brutal and despicable act as inhuman, senseless, unforgivable and unjustified criminal action directed to cause tremendous death and injury while creating widespread fear among innocent citizens in the Sri Lanka and other countries.

We consider these killings heinous acts against humanity. IDC's global membership shares the pain and anguish of those affected and extend our condolences to the families of the victims with prayers for complete and speedy recovery of those injured.

IDC commends law enforcement and medical services of Sri Lanka with prompt and diligent efforts emergency services to the survivors and their families. We fully support all measures taken to bring the perpetrators to justice, and to bring security, calm and confidence to the people of Sri Lanka and urge all efforts to prevent similar attacks in the future. We share in the belief that such callous and uncivilized crimes perpetrated against innocent people cannot diminish the desire and courage to live peacefully with dignity and their hard won freedoms.

IDC expresses deep concern for the victims of the tragedy, their families, friends and associates. We are very confident that the people of Sri Lanka will endure this national disaster while they retain courage, sense of dignity, pride, their values and their freedom.

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Sri Lanka is an island country of 22 million people in the Indian Ocean, southwest of the Bay of Bengal and southeast of the Arabian Sea, separated from the Indian subcontinent by the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Strait. The capital, and largest city, is Colombo. [Wikipedia](#)

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*