NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LLRC

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Recommendation		Key Responsible	Key Performance	Timeframe
	Activity	Agency	Indicator (KPI)	
9.9, 9.37a Ascertain more fully the circumstances under which specific instances of death or injury to civilians could have occurred, and if such investigations disclose wrongful conduct, prosecute and punish the wrongdoers.	1. Complete ongoing disciplinary process being conducted in terms of Armed Forces statutes.		 Disciplinary inquiries concluded Offenders prosecuted 	 1) 12 months 2) 24 months
	2. Upon conclusion,		3) Cases filed in Court	3) 24 months
	take follow up action to prosecute, where relevant.			
	3. Use the existing system as provided for in the Criminal Procedure Code to originate a complaint and give such mechanism sufficient publicity.			
9.23 - Launch a full investigation into allegations of disappearances after surrender/arrest and where such investigations produce evidence of any unlawful act on the part of individual members of the Army, prosecute and punish the wrongdoers.	1) , 2) and 3) above.	1), 2) and 3) above.	- do -	-do -

9.37b - Conduct a professionally designed household survey covering all affected families in all parts of the island to ascertain firsthand the scale and circumstances of death and injury to civilians, as well as damage to property during the period of the conflict.	Conduct survey.	Department of Census & Statistics. (Presidential Secretariat will oversee)	Mechanism launched to conduct survey	Ongoing
9.39 - Initiate an independent investigation into the Channel 4 Video to establish the truth or otherwise of the allegations arising from the video footage.	 Assess current processes being pursued to examine the authenticity of the allegations in Channel 4 namely, the inquiry currently conducted by the Army. Based on such results take follow up action as appropriate. 	Defence, Presidential Secretariat	 Assessment completed Follow up action identified and pursued, as appropriate. 	06 months

Theme area: Human Rights

Recommendation		Key Responsible	Key Performance	Timeframe
	Activity	Agency	Indicator (KPI)	
9.48 - Direct law enforcement authorities to take immediate steps to ensure that allegations [of abductions, enforced or involuntary disappearances, and arbitrary detention] are properly investigated into, and perpetrators brought to justice.	 Identify impediments, if any, to the effective enforcement of the law. That the offences are visited with serious sanctions Strengthen investigation skills of Police. Strengthen access to justice. Enhance the capacity of the Police to put in place a more effective surveillance mechanism of the locality in cooperation with the local community and establish community policing. 	Legal Aid Commission, CBO's, Ministry of Justice, Police Department	 Impediments identified and remedial action taken Programmes to strengthen skills integrated into Police training modules Access to justice programmes identified and implemented by establishing community policing units 	6 months 12 months 12 months
9.51 - Appoint a Special Commissioner of Investigation to investigate alleged	1. Invoke the present procedures as available in the Code of Criminal Procedures with priority given to	Police, Attorney-General's Department, Ministry of Justice, ICTA	The launching of appropriate mechanisms to inform	3 months

disappearances and provide material to the Attorney General to initiate criminal proceedings as appropriate. Provide the Office of the Commissioner with experienced investigators to collect and process information.	such complaints. 2. Sensitize the public with regard to availability of the various mechanisms through the GIC (1919).		the public of the present facilities via the media	
9.51 - Devise a centralized	 Enhance the capacity of the present GIC (1919) to entertain the receipt of information. Establish an integrated data base to collate information regarding missing 	Dept of Census & Statistics	Data base established	
system of data collection at the national level, integrating all information with regard to missing persons	(Amalgamate with activity relating to para 9.37b above)	Ministry of Defence	and information included	6 months
9.52 - Take all necessary measures for the implementation of the [Registration of Deaths Act] at the administrative level.	 Review of progress of implementation of the Registration of Deaths Act in terms of instructions already issued. Give adequate publicity of the 	Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs	Instructions issued to implement the provisions of new legislation.	Ongoing
Give adequate publicity to the relevant provisions of the Act through media, Grama Niladharis etc., especially in the conflict affected areas	availability of information through the Governments 1919 IT facility, to people in conflict affected areas			

9.57 - Appoint an Independent Advisory Committee to monitor and examine detention and arrest of persons taken into custody under any regulations made under the Public Security Ordinance or the Prevention of Terrorism Act	See activities under recommendations 9.9, 9.37 (a) (b), 9.23, 9.39	Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs		
Create a special mechanism to examine cases of persons being held in detention (for long periods without charges] on a case by case basis and recommend a course of action in regard to disposal of each case.	 Identify and establish procedures in the existing system to address the issue Complete decision making regarding detainees through a dedicated Unit in the Attorney General's Dept. mandated to examine detention cases. 	Attorney-General's Dept.	 Processes identified and established Reduction in the number of detainees. 	24 months
Establish a focal point in the Attorney General's Department to support the process of examining detention cases.	-As above -	Attorney-General's Dept.	Unit established	24 months
9.59 - Frame domestic legislation to specifically criminalize enforced or involuntary disappearances	 Examine the need for legislation Formulate and present law to Parliament, if law reform is found to be necessary with emphasis on the need to impose heavy terms of imprisonment as a deterrent. 	Ministry of Justice Attorney-General's Dept. Police Department	 Review of laws completed Legislation drafted and presented to Parliament, if found necessary 	24 months
9.60 - Provide comprehensive, island-wide human rights	1) Implement activities identified in	1) NHRC, Ministry of Education, Armed Forces,	1) Implementation of NHRAP monitored 2) Module formulated	Governed by the time frame as per the NHRAP

education programmes targeting the school children, youth,	the NHR	4P	IGP			ncluded in culum	
and the Police etc.	seconda	te a module for inclusion in y school curriculum	2) NIE				
9.63 - Create a centralized comprehensive database containing a list of detainees, which should be made available to the next of kin with names, place as detention as well as record of transfers	•	at database to be enhanced access to information being o NOK	Ministry of Def	ence	Enhanco	ed database	6 months
 (1) Publish a list of names of detention. (2) Issue a certificate when a page 1 		 Continue current practice next of kin regarding locat detainee. (NB: NHRC is als Examine and report on th application of such a procession 	tion of so informed). e practical	Police Depar Attorney-Ge Dept	eneral's	The availability a comprehensive list of names and relevant data to NOK.	e 1
discharged so that that the sam is not taken into custody agai new evidence is discovered again	ne person n, unless	feasibility.		Dept	•	Report publishe	End 2012 d End 2012
(3) Look into the general issue of la to expedite prosecution or detainees.	-	3.(a) Formulate a program suspects from the crimin voluntary rehabilitation cases;	nal process to	AG's dept Dept			
		(b) Enable indictments to additional number of cou backlog.					

	Ministry of Justice	

9.68, 69 - Screen detainees and give special	Review the status of the remainder of the	Commissioner	Status required to	3 months
attention to young detainees and special	detainees with a view to assessing whether	General of	be submitted	
cases [those with young children, physically	special attention to certain groups or	Rehabilitation		
disabled, recovering from injury and	individuals is needed.			
medical interventions, requiring counseling]				
9.73 - Conduct proper investigations in	During the time of the conflict, illegal armed	Ministry of Defence	The effective	
respect to allegations against the illegal	groups were known to operate in the		maintenance of law	
armed groups. Institute criminal	theatre of conflict. Steps have been taken		and order	
proceedings against offenders	to completely eliminate this activity. These			
	measures will be continued to be			
	implemented to ensure that these groups do			

	not re-emerge.			
3. Introduce specific measures to ensure the maintenance of law and order, particularly the disarming of any illegal armed groups	 Examine crime statistics and trends to identify critical issues; Take necessary measures to improve law enforcement. 	Ministry of Defence Police Department	 Effective Vigilance Decrease in incidents of crime 	 Ongoing Ongoing
9.78, 9.82 - Examine on a case-by-case basis the cases relating to young LTTE suspects with a view to instituting legal action without delay or rehabilitating and/or releasing them. Ensure that no sooner than they complete the rehabilitation program, children be allowed to live with their families and assisted to continue their studies or earn a living	See para 1 above This concern has been fully addressed with large numbers pursuing academic activities followed by reunification with their families. This process to be continued by CG/R.	CG/Rehabilitation	Programme for re- integration designed and implemented	Ongoing
9.79 - Investigate any such instances where there is prima facie evidence of conscription of children as combatants and ensure that offenders are brought to justice.	I	nvestigations completed	l.	I
9.81 - Consider establishing a national, Government led, multidisciplinary task force to develop and implement a comprehensive child-tracing program				
9.92 - Establish an Inter-Agency Task Force mandated to address in a comprehensive manner the needs of women, children,	Implement activities identified in the NHRAP to achieve this objective.	As contained in the NHRAP	NHRAP implementation monitored	Ongoing

elderly and other vulnerable groups such as disabled affected by conflict, and provide necessary relief				
9.104 - Grant the legal ownership of land to those [IDPs] who have been resettled.	Continue implementation of circular which provides for grant of ownership.	Ministry of Lands	Circular implemented.	Ongoing
9.106 - Create awareness among IDPs about policies [with regard to the areas that are available for people to resettle] and the options available to them.	Conduct awareness programmes with relevant groups on the implementation of circular No. 2011/4 of 22.07.2011 issued by the Commissioner General of Lands	Ministry of Lands	Awareness programmes conducted	6 months
9.108 - Initiate a formal bilateral consultation process between Sri Lanka and India to enable the displaced persons living in India to take considered decisions with regard to their return to Sri Lanka	 Formulate policy with regard to IDPs in India; Conduct bi-lateral discussions with India in terms of policy 	1. Ministry of Lands, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Re- settlement, Ministry of Defence	Bi-lateral discussions held and decisions implemented	24 months
		2. Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence		
9.113 - Appoint a special committee to examine durable solutions and formulate a comprehensive State policy on the issue [of Muslim IDPs displaced from the North] after extensive consultations with the IDPs and the host communities	 Presidential Task Force for the North and East (PTF for the N&E) to formulate a policy on the issue of Muslim IDPs. Issue necessary directions to Implement policy. 	PTF for N&E	 Policy formulated Policy implemented 	9 months
9.115a-c Take all steps to prevent harassment and attacks on media personnel and institutions. Give priority to the investigation, prosecution and disposal of such cases.	 Take appropriate action to ensure media freedom. (a) Pursuit of grievance mechanisms - Complaints to Police, FR Applications to SC, Complaints to Press Council (with a 	1. Ministry of Mass Media & Information	1. Effective redress to grievances of media personnel	12months

Properly investigate past incidents of such illegal action.	 wider jurisdiction and enhanced powers) (b) Complaints to NPC against Police inaction. 2. Complete investigations into current cases 3. Promote responsible journalism and 	2. Dept of Police	2. Investigations completed	
	consider a code of conduct for journalists.	3. Press Council.		
9.115d - Ensure the freedom of movement of media personnel in the North and East	 Identify impediments to free movement, if any, of media personnel in the North and East Take appropriate action to remove impediments, if any 	Ministry of Mass Media and Information	 Impediments identified, if any All impediments, if any, removed 	6 months
		Dept of Police		
9.115e - Enact legislation to ensure the right to information	Cabinet to decide the suitable time frame for drafting legislation.	Ministry of Mass Media and Information	The Cabinet Office will be the interface for the inter action with the Cabinet of Ministers on the acceptance of such legislation by the legislature.	ТВС
9.117 - Remove any remaining restrictions on visiting places of worship	 Identify existing restrictions, if any Remove restrictions, if any 	Ministry of Religious Affairs	Restrictions if any, removed	12 months
9.118 - Ensure people, community leaders, and religious leaders have the freedom to	Monitor monthly at GA's conference, whether there are constraints to enjoying	Ministry of Public Administration	Zero complaints re inability to organize events	Ongoing

organize peaceful events and meetings without restrictions.	this freedom.			
9.119 - Allow visitors from overseas to visit their friends and relatives in recently resettled areas without any undue restrictions	restrictions to visits and remove such	Ministry of Defence, Department of Police, respective GA's	The formulation of a report which confirms that no such restriction exists	6 months
9.120 - Implement recommendations of past commissions of inquiry, particularly those relating to further investigation and prosecution of offenders involved in the death of –		Attorney General and Department of Police	Recommendations implemented.	Ongoing
 a) 5 students in Trincomalee in January 2006; and b) 17 aid workers of the ACF in August 2006 				

LLRC Final Report: Land Return and Resettlement

Recommendation		Key Responsible	Key Performance	Timeframe
	Activity	Agency	Indicator (KPI)	
9.124 Ensure that -			1. A completed	
(1) Any citizen of Sri Lanka has the right to acquire land in any part of the country, in accordance with its laws and regulations, and reside in any area of his/her choice	1. (a) Conduct study to ascertain whether practices infringe on legal rights to acquire land	1. Ministry of Lands	study of the alienation of state land with specific reference to the N	12 months
without any restrictions or limitations.	(b) Take appropriate steps to remove infringements, if any exist		& E	
	c) Effective implementation of the policy on land use with a view to identifying appropriate state land available for settlement.			
	2. Appoint a 4 th Land Commission with a TOR similar to the previous three (i.e. the LC's of 1927, 1936 and 1985) to recommend policy to address issues.		2. Appointment of the 4 th Land Commission	24 months
(2) land policy of the Government is not an instrument to effect unnatural changes in the demographic pattern of a given Province.	3. Ensure effective implementation of Statutes, i.e. The State Lands Ord., Land Development Ordinance, Land Grants (Sp. Provisions) Act.	2. P.T.F. for N & E		
(3) distribution of State land continues as provided for in the Constitution		3. Presidential		

		Secretariat		
Issue of a clear statement by government that private lands would not be utilized for settlements by any Government agency.	Formulate a Policy to deal with the issue of settlements.	Ministry of Lands	Policy formulated	12 months
The LLRC offers the following recommendations in order to ensure that the land policy and the associated Programme proposed in July 2011 is effectively implemented:				
9.126 - Assure people through a publicity effort that the Programme seeks to make available land to all returning IDPs as expeditiously as possible and is not a substitute for recourse to the Courts of Law where people are in possession of valid legal proof of their claim to the land in question	The proposed 4 th Land Commission to take cognizance of the recommendation 9.126, 9.128, 9.129, 9.131 to 9.136 and consider the feasibility of the implementation of such recommendations	Ministry of Lands	Implementation of the activities in keeping with the findings of the 4 th Land Commission	24 months
9.128 - Provide the needed human and financial resources				
9.129 - Supervise civil administration officers tasked with the				
implementation of the Programme by respective Government Agents and				

monitor implementation quality at the national level by the Land Commissioner General				
9.131 - Organize a well-planned media seminar on the Programme to enable the Media to project an accurate and clear view of the Programme		-do-		
9.132 - Conduct well designed training programmes for all officers and community leaders selected for various Committees				
9.133 - Launch a well-designed, communication campaign in simple Tamil and Sinhala language to help displaced persons come forward to benefit from the Programme	-do-			
9.134 - Confine the participation of security forces officers to expediting the release of maximum extents of lands being utilized for security purposes				
9.135, 136 - Organize and hold a well- publicized 'Community Consultation Meeting' in each District Secretariat area prior to the launch of the First Committee investigation process. Establish a mechanism to rapidly consider			-do-	
mechanism to rapidly consider constructive suggestions made through this process				-do-

9.140 - Apply strict controls to prevent any alienation of State land other than for IDPs until the proposed Programme is implemented	Ensure implementation of provisions of the Circular of the M/Lands which incorporates this principle.	Ministry of Lands	Implementation of circular	3 months
9.141 - Actively seek the cooperation of a development partner to support the Programme, based on the understanding that Government of Sri Lanka will be responsible for Programme policy, decision making, and implementation	 Evaluate the need for an external partner Formulate a project proposal if external resources are found to be needed. Secure assistance as appropriate, if feasible 	Ministry of Lands Ministry of Resettlement Department of National Planning	A report dealing with activities 1, 2 & 3	3 months
9.142 - Review the 2 existing HSZs in Palaly and Trincomalee-Sampur, as well as small extents of private land currently utilized for security purposes, with a view to release more land while keeping national security needs in perspective. Complete the provision of alternate lands and or payment of compensation within a specific time frame	Consequent to the review already completed – a) Release lands where possible; b) Take steps to re-locate or to pay compensation acting under applicable Statutes (Land Acquisition Act).	(a) Ministry of Defence (b) Ministry of Lands	 a) Lands released b) Re-location completed c) Compensation paid 	 a) Ongoing b) 6 months c) 3 years
9.150 - Expedite action on the establishment of a National Land Commission (NLC) in order to propose appropriate future national land policy guidelines as required under the 13th Amendment	Include the proposal to establish a NLC in the TOR of the PSC with a view to receiving recommendations.	1. Presidential Secretariat 2. Ministry of Lands	Proposal included in TOR of PSC	To be confirmed

9.151 - Develop a land use plan for each district in the North and East with the participation of district and national experts drawn from various relevant disciplines to guide the district administration <i>in land conservation and</i> <i>alienation</i> in order to ensure protection of environment and bio-diversity, sustainable economic development, leisure and recreational standards, religious, cultural, and archeological sites with a view to improving the quality of life of the present and future generations	 Provide Ministry of Lands with resources to prepare the Land Use Plan for North and East. Acting under the Land Use Policy adopted in 2007, develop Land Use Plan for the North and East. 	 Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Public Administration. Ministry of Lands 	 (a) Budgetary provisions made available to Ministry of Lands; (b)Staff provided to M/Lands; Land Use Plan for N&E developed. 	36 months
9.152 - Arrive at a bi-partisan understanding that restitution of land is a national issue and will not be used as a tool by political parties to gain narrow political advantage	Refer recommendation to PSC	Presidential Secretariat	Recommendation referred to PSC.	Ongoing

LLRC Final Report: Restitution/Compensatory Relief

Recommendation		Key Responsible	Key Performance	Timeframe
	Activity	Agency	Indicator (KPI)	
 9.155 - Review the role and capacity of Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority (REPPIA) with a view to streamlining and augmenting its role and resources in undertaking post-conflict requirements [for compensatory relief]. Procure funding to clear the backlog of cases as well as to prevent lack of funds being the reason for delays and no- payment in the future. Set a time limit for 	effective implementation of the REPIA. 2. Take appropriate action to deal with issues identified. 3. Provide funds for payment of compensation based on an	 M/Rehabilitation and Prisons Reforms - do - M/Finance and Planning 	 Report on REPIA received. Action taken as appropriate. Issues resolved 	Ongoing
completion of payments 9.162 - Revisit the problem of public servants being disqualified from NGO assistance programs	acceptable victim identification process. 1. Examine government policy to identify what disqualifications exist; 2. Determine and introduce provisions to ensure equitable assistance.	Ministry of Public Administration	 Policy examined and problem areas identified, if any. New policy determined, if necessary. 	3 months
9.164 - Take a decision on compensatory relief for death and injury for those involved with the LTTE.	Continue with Government programme for the rehabilitation and re-integration of ex-combatants and a reconciliation programme for the next of kin.	Ministry of Resettlement and PTF – N & E	The effective implementation of the relief programmes granting relief to those NOK affected by death or injury as a	24 months

1	direct result of the	
	conflict	

LLRC Final Report: Reconciliation

Recommendation	Activity	Key Responsible Agency	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Timeframe
9.171, 9.227 - Phase out the involvement of the Security Forces in civilian activities and use of private lands by the Security Forces with reasonable time lines being given	1. Formulate Plan for further reducing involvement of Security Forces in civilian work. (95% already withdrawn from civilian duties) having regard to the experiences of the reconciliation programmes	Ministry of Defence	A marked reduction or withdrawal of security force personnel for civil activities	6 months
9.195, 195 - Facilitate the early return of the displaced Muslims to their places of origin in the Northern Province. Take immediate steps to assist in rebuilding of the mosques, houses and schools destroyed or damaged by the LTTE	Formulating and implementing a policy for the resettlement and reintegration of the displaced Muslims.	PTF for N & E and M/Resettlement	The publication of the report identifying the requirements with recommendations for implementation.	18 months
5. Encourage free movement of persons on A9 to ensure greater participation in the economic, social and cultural activities.	Identify and remove unnecessary obstacles that impedes free movement on the A9, if any.	Ministry of Defence	Unnecessary impediments, if any, removed	02 months
6. Maintain greater coordination and communication between the GAs and security authorities in normalizing civilian administration.	1. Identify impediments, if any, that hinder normal civil administration.	Ministry of Public Administration & Home	 All impediments, if any identified. All 	12 months

	 Remove impediments. Review progress at the monthly GA's Conference conducted by the Ministry of Public Administration 	Affairs	impediments, if any removed and normal civil administration restored.	
9.201 - Ensure that post conflict development agenda and programmes for reconciliation take account of the essential needs of the Tamils of Indian origin. Improve the health and educational facilities and also provide better living conditions in the estate areas	 Assess the impact of existing programmes to improve the health, education and housing facilities for the estate sector, to identify areas that require improvement Revise programmes to make interventions more effective. 	M/Health M/Education M/Plantation Industries M/Child Dev & Women's Affairs	The publication of a report indicating the effectiveness of banks existing programmes	6 months
9.204 - Take immediate action to disarm persons in possession of unauthorized weapons and prosecute such offenders	Ensure strict enforcement of the provisions of the Offensive Weapons Act/The Firearms and Explosives Act and the successful prosecution of legal action against offenders.	Dept of Police	A complete disarming of persons in possession of unauthorized weapons.	6 months
9.212 - Set up units of the Attorney General's Department in the Provinces to guide and advise the police regarding criminal investigations, prosecutions and other matters touching upon the criminal justice system	 Formulate TORs for Units in the AGs dept. and establish same. Include relevant modules in the training programmes for Police Officers. 	 AG's Department Police Department 	1.Enhanced capacity of AG's Department units 2. Improvement in the quality of investigations	12 months

9.213 - Ensure that all allegations are investigated and wrongdoers are prosecuted and punished irrespective of their political links (9.206-209 Includes examples of uninvestigated allegations related to Bhareti, Karuna, EPDP extortion, and a gang	3. Enhance capacity of the Trainers of the Police Training College. Conduct investigations speedily and ensure that the Rule of Law prevails having due regard to the Constitution. Guarantee of the equal protection of the law	 Police Department Dept of Police AG's Department Ministry of Justice 	3. Greater success in prosecution and a general improvement in the Criminal Justice System An increased rate of successful prosecutions.	6 months
led by a person called Major Seelan) 9.214, 215 - De-link the Police Department from the institutions dealing with the armed services.	Refer this recommendation to the PSC as it deals with an entirely policy/political issue	Proposed Parliamentary Select Committee	Not applicable	Not Applicable
Establish an independent permanent Police Commission to monitor the performance of the police service and ensure that all police officers act independently and maintain a high degree of professional conduct.	[Independent Police Commission has already been established]			
9.218, 219 - Establish an independent institution with a strong investigative arm to address the grievances of all citizens, in particular the minorities, arising from the abuse of power by public officials and other individuals involved in the governance of the country. Ensure that any citizen of this country who has a grievance arising out of	1. Review the provisions of existing Institutions to identify additional and more effective measures that need to be taken to strengthen citizens rights.	 Presidential Secretariat Ministry of Defence AG's Department 	Report submitted by major stakeholders to the Cabinet of ministers	6 months

any executive of administrative act, particularly those base on ethnicity or religion, should have the right to seek redress before the independent institution	2. Introduce measures/ mechanisms/ amendment to laws to strengthen citizens grievance mechanisms	4. Ministry of Justice		
9.224 - Conceive and implement a specific program to bring about attitudinal change through training programs to enhance the work ethic of the public service	Implement the National Human Resources Policy	Office of the Sr. Minister for HR development	1. HR Plan of Action formulated. 2. Implementation of HRPA commenced.	3 months
9.226 - Establish an independent Public Service Commission to ensure that there is no political interference in the public service and that recruitment and promotions in the public service are in conformity with the equality provisions in the Constitution	An independent l	Public Services Commission	has been established	
9.228 - Establish a constitutional provision for judicial review of legislation. Reach a consensus on an appropriate constitutional amendment to provide for an adequate timeframe to challenge proposed legislation	Refer to the PSC.	Presidential Secretariat	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
9.236, 237 - Take initiative to have a serious and structured dialogue with all political parties, and those representing minorities in particular, to develop consensus on devolution. The dialogue must take place at a high political level and with adequate technical back-stopping.	Refer to the PSC	Presidential Secretariat	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
9.245 - Make necessary budgetary provisions available on a priority basis for teacher training and staffing for a trilingual nation by the year 2020	1. Formulate an Action Plan to ensure effective implementation of the Language policy.	1. Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration		

 9.246, 247, 249 - Make it compulsory that all Government offices have Tamil-speaking officers at all times. No district or province should be categorized in terms of language. Police stations should have bi-lingual officers on a 24 hour basis. A complainant should have the right to have his/her statement taken down in the language of their choice. As a temporary measure, software programs can be used for translation until long term policies and measures take effect 9.248 - Ensure that the Language Commission is an authority with effective powers of implementation and branches in every province. 9.250 - Implement Interim Recommendation regarding language. Station interpreters at Police Stations using retired police officers with bilingual fluency 	 Examine the role of the Official Languages Commission and identify areas that need strengthening. Include remedial steps to be taken, in the Action Plan. Implement recommendations of the "Presidential Task Force on Trilingual Society by 2020." Design a monitoring and evaluation Plan to assess whether the programmes implemented are effective and whether there is compliance with policy. 	2. Presidential Task Force on Trilingual Society	Effective Monitoring of the implementation of the Trilingual Initiative	Ongoing
Use interpreters in public offices as appropriate to facilitate communication until long term programmes are put in place.	 Monitor observance of language rights recognized in the Constitution Identify additional remedial measures required to ensure observance of language rights 	Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration	1) Monitoring activity completed 2)Additional remedial measures identified and implemented	 12 months 24 months
9.251 - Select a committee of experts in education to review the quota system with a view to introduce a merit based admission	Examine the current admission policy with a view to recommending any changes that would improve the	UGC / Ministry of Higher Education	Expert Committees Established.	12 months

system. (Admission to Universities?)	criteria for admissions.			
9.252 - Reduce and eventually eliminate the inequality in the availability of educational facilities in different areas of the country	Implement the current programmes in keeping with the "Mahinda Chintana" to upgrade facilities in schools islandwide	Ministry of Education	Upgrading of educational facilities in schools	36 months
9.253, 254 - Develop a proactive policy to encourage mixed schools serving children from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and greater interaction among students [e.g. twinning schools, student exchange programs, Reconciliation Clubs, National Youth Council exchange programmes]	 Formulate a policy that would encourage ethnically mixed schools Ensure that schools include programmes to promote inter- community interactions. 	Ministry of Education	The establishment of a policy encouraging ethnically mixed schools	24 months
9.257 - Ensure public Universities have ethnically mixed student populations with a choice of courses offered in all three languages.	The present policy caters to this requirement in an appropriate manner. However a group of experts can be mobilized to consider the present system and recommend any changes that would promote the trilingual process	UGC/Ministry of Higher Education	Identification of a group of experts	12 months
9.258 - Conduct inter-provincial and national sports competitions.	Presently, national competitions ensure Islandwide participation. However, a programme could be implemented to actively promote sports in the former conflict areas.	Ministry of Sports	No. of such competitions successfully conducted.	Ongoing

9.261, 263 - Constitute a Multi-Disciplinary Task Force that includes representatives from the Presidential Secretariat, External Affairs, Defense, Foreign Employment, the Private Sector, and Academia, to propose a programme of action toharness the untapped potential of the expatriate community, and to respond to the concerns of the so-called 'hostile diaspora groups,' and to engage them constructively with the Government and other stakeholders involved in the reconciliation process.	 Formulate programme to harness the untapped potential of the expatriate community, through Sri Lankan overseas Missions. Implement programme through Overseas Missions 	M/External Affairs	 Programme formulated. Programme implemented 	3 months 3 months
9.270 - In consultation with inter-faith groups, facilitate the establishment of a mechanism that serves as an early warning and early diffusing system to ensure that communal or religious tension or friction does not lead to conflict	 Civil Defence Committee programme of the Police and Community Policing programme. Implement capacity building programmes for the Police officers in the CDC's 	Dept of Police	Implementation of such programmes and wide publicity of such programmes	6 months
9.274, 275 - Create greater awareness of linguistic and cultural affinities. Translate and publish major literary works from Tamil into Sinhala and Sinhala into Tamil and disseminate them among school children	1. Examine and introduce appropriate measures that could be adopted to create awareness of cultural affinities including through translation of	1. M/Cultural Affairs	Programmes that would promote cultural affinities and commonalities between	12 months

and youth.	literary works		communities	
Encourage cinema, TV and stage drama productions that highlight commonalities and mutual understanding between communities.	2. Engage the cultural sector to highlight commonalities and mutual understanding between communities.	2. M/Cultural Affairs		
9.277 - Maintain and support current practice of the National Anthem being sung simultaneously in two languages	Examine the implementation of this recommendation vis a vis the current Constitutional provisions, at the PSC.	Presidential Secretariat	The implementation of the recommendations of the PSC	1 year
9.283 - Enact and strictly enforce deterrent laws to deal with <i>'hate speech'</i> relating to ethnicity, religion, and literature	 Examine the adequacy of penal legislation to deal with hate speech. Introduce law reform if necessary. 	M/Justice	Submission of draft legislation to Parliament.	1 year
9.285 - Set aside a separate event on National Day to express solidarity and empathy with all victims of the tragic conflict and pledge our collective commitment to ensure that there should never be such blood-letting in the country again	expressing solidarity as one nation and one people and of pledging a collective commitment to non-violence and peace so as to ensure a non-recurrence of the past events that led to the internecine	 Presidential Secretariat Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs 	Sustainable peace and harmony amongst all people	