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**Resolution on Recent Events in Sri Lanka  
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The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is deeply concerned at the escalation of conflict and unrest in northern Sri Lanka.

We note the disturbing reports of human rights abuses, the killing and forced recruitment of civilians, including children, for purposes of armed conflict, the arbitrary detention of refugees fleeing the violence and the gross violations of the rule of law.

The Sri Lankan government has reported several military gains. These gains have resulted in the loss of the lives of many, including the innocent. A solution to the long-standing conflict does not lie in a resort to arms.

The CLA calls upon the international community to accelerate its efforts to achieve a cease fire and a lasting political solution to the conflict.

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