

**Recommendations in the Joint Report of Young Parliamentarians and Political Party
Representatives on their Visit to UK in December 2011**

1. Accountability – If proper investigations followed by perpetrators of acts contrary to aforesaid rules of engagement are prosecuted, greater confidence will be achieved.
2. Insufficient and inadequate circulation of positive measures taken by the Government – In this context the Government information centers, the Diplomatic Missions and media units have to be more proactive and aggressive.
3. Furnish more comprehensive information – It is vital to know who is still in Governmental custody, and in some instances to know who is declared dead, as this can bring closure to some families still living with uncertainty.
4. Resettlement of IDPs – Even though this has been accomplished to a great degree it has not happened in its entirety due to various reasons. In this context, the issue of long term displaced Muslims from the North and East, camped in Districts like Puttalam, in some cases for over two decades, is also very urgent.
5. Language issues – A practical means of educating both communities in both languages with an added advantage of English education as well is recommended.
6. The Government should make direct overtures to the Diaspora – While making direct overtures to the Sri Lankan Diaspora, the Government should be aware that while it should educate the Diaspora on what is happening in the country, they should also be prepared to listen, sometimes even to criticism which can be constructive.
7. A Ministry/Department to handle and co-ordinate Diaspora affairs – Such a Ministry should be created and a person with sensitivity to such matters appointed to head such an institution.
8. A day of National Remembrance – Despite the President's National Message immediately after the war had ceased; many Tamils are of the view that the grand victory celebration held yearly appears to them as a victory of Sinhalese over Tamils.
9. Preservation of the Tamil identity – Be particularly sensitive to Tamil cultural identity and accordingly introduce local administration and mechanisms having adequate powers of protection to keep their heritage intact.
10. Military presence – Create a fair balance in which the overwhelming military presence is reduced to give a greater degree of independence in day-to-day activity including commercial activity to Northern civilians.
11. To engage in discussions – It would be prudent to discuss with all relevant parties to arrive at the most appropriate manner in which some form of devolution should take place.
12. A more conducive environment for investment – Such an environment to be facilitated within Governmental Departments, particularly, where foreign investment is concerned. A more effective anti-corruption policy and more efficiency be created within Government institutions
13. LLRC Recommendations- Implement the recommendations without much delay.