Country/entity: Sri Lanka
Region: Asia and Pacific
Agreement name: Human Rights issues relating to the peace process
Date: 08/02/2003
Agreement status: Multiparty signed/agreed
Stage: Pre-negotiation/process (Confidence building measure)
Conflict nature: Government/territory
Peace process: 114: Sri Lanka LTTE 2002 onward process
Parties: Government of Sri Lanka; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
Third parties: Norway
Description: Agreement outlines how human rights issues will be touched on and incorporated into the peace process including provisions for IDPs; Prisoners; Women; Children, and missing/disappeared individuals. It goes on to outline the role of Human rights training among warring parties, how to maintain human rights commitments, how commitments will be monitored including by a national human rights institution as well as an international Nordic monitoring commission, and treaty incorporation.

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Women, girls and gender

**Participation**  
No specific mention.

**Equality**  
No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women**  
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Violence against women  No specific mention.

Transitional justice  No specific mention.

Institutional reform  No specific mention.

Development  No specific mention.

Implementation  No specific mention.

Other  No specific mention.