

Sample resolution: Sri Lanka protests

Title: **[Name of organization]** calls on Sri Lankan government to end the repression of students, teachers, and trade unionists

Whereas Sri Lanka has been rocked by mass protests over inflation, fuel and food shortages, government corruption, and attacks on basic freedoms since March 2022, forcing the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on July 14; and

Whereas Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe has escalated the crackdown on dissent following his appointment; and

Whereas the [United Nations Human Rights High Commissioner](#), [Amnesty International](#), the [International Crisis Group](#), and others have condemned the targeting of education and democracy activists; and

Whereas the police arrested [Joseph Stalin](#), General Secretary of the Ceylon Teachers' Union and a leading human rights campaigner, on August 3 (Stalin is the most senior trade union leader detained during the government's crackdown and was released following [protests by teachers](#)); and

Whereas the police arrested on August 18 nearly 20 people during a march led by the [Inter University Students' Federation](#), the largest student organization in Sri Lanka, to protest the economic crisis and government repression; and

Whereas most protesters were later released, but the government invoked its *Prevention of Terrorism Act* on August 22 to justify the continued detention of student leaders Wasantha Mudalige, Hashan Jeewantha, and Galwewa Siridhamma:

Be It Resolved That **[name of organization]** condemn the targeting and detention of student and labour activists in Sri Lanka and demand an immediate end to the government's campaign of repression; and

Be It Further Resolved That **[name of organization]** publicly issue a statement defending the rights of students, education workers, trade unionists, and all people in Sri Lanka to engage in the legitimate mass protests that are sweeping the country; and

Be It Further Resolved That **[name of organization]** call on student and labour organizations outside of Sri Lanka to express their solidarity with the protests, demand

an end to the crackdown on dissent, and defend the rights and civil liberties of the protesters.