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General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

329. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country prior to the period under review appears in the 2006 report (A/HCR/4/41).

### Sri Lanka<sup>8</sup>

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
5 749	37	107	1	0	5 516 <sup>9</sup>

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### Urgent actions

330. The Working Group sent 37 cases under its urgent action procedure to the Government of Sri Lanka. The majority of these cases concerned males aged between 22 and 56. One case concerned a female victim and one case concerned a 16-year-old male. Eleven cases occurred in Jaffna and 19 in Colombo. The Sri Lankan Army and the Criminal Investigation Department were allegedly responsible for a large number of these cases. Other possible perpetrators include the Sri Lankan security forces, the police, and the Karuna Group.

<sup>8</sup> See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

<sup>9</sup> The Working Group determined that 378 outstanding cases were duplications and were subsequently deleted.

### **Standard cases**

331. The Working Group also transmitted 107 cases to the Government under its standard procedure. The majority of the cases took place between January 2006 and April 2007. Most cases concerned males between 20 and 35, although one case concerned a pregnant female, and two cases concerned minors. Seven cases concern humanitarian aid workers, and two concern fishermen. The Sri Lankan Army, the Police and the Criminal Investigation Department were allegedly responsible for most of these cases. The vast majority of cases occurred in Colombo, although several cases of disappearances also occurred in Jaffna, Vavuniya, and Wellawatta.

### **Information from the Government**

332. The Government transmitted two communications to the Working Group. In a communication dated 17 January 2007, the Government requested further information on three outstanding cases in order to launch proper investigations.

333. In a communication dated 26 April 2007, the Government replied on a case regarding a priest who disappeared in August 2006. The Government stated that the case had been placed before the Commission of Inquiry and the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons. In addition, the Government informed that a body presumed to be that of the priest's had been discovered in March 2007, and that arrangements had been made to conduct the necessary forensic examinations.

### **Information from sources**

334. The source provided additional information on two outstanding cases. Concerning one case which reportedly took place in June 2006, the source informed that a police officer approached the subject's family and unofficially acknowledged that the victim had been killed by Security Forces.

### **Clarifications**

335. Following the expiration of the six-month rule, the Working Group decided to clarify the case of a man who disappeared in 1989.

### **Meetings**

336. The Working Group met with representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka in March to discuss outstanding cases and the request for a visit to Sri Lanka.

### **General allegation**

337. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration. This information was transmitted to the Government.

338. According to the reports, there is a growing culture of impunity for perpetrators of enforced disappearance, as the Government is not taking effective steps to bring rising numbers of disappearances under control. The path to achieving justice for the victims and their families is reportedly long and arduous, with delays and interferences by high officials in investigations and inquiries, as well as threats to witnesses and family members.

339. The Government's announcement that it would invite an international commission to inquire into recent killings, disappearances and abductions in Sri Lanka promised to be a very important initiative. Nevertheless, announcements that the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons would only observe the work of the national Commission of Inquiry cast doubt on whether the International Group will be perceived as credible and independent by all sectors of society.

340. No response was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

### **Request for a visit**

341. On 16 October 2006, the Working Group requested to undertake a mission to Sri Lanka in early 2007. The Government replied, stating that it would not be possible to schedule a visit for the Working Group during the requested period due to the planned visits of other special procedure mandates, but that the interest of the Working Group would be noted and given due consideration.

342. At the meeting held by the Working Group with representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka during the fourth session of the Human Rights Council, efforts were made to arrange the dates for the visit.

### **Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding**

343. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 12,463 cases to the Government; of those, 39 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 6,530 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 378 cases were found to be duplications by the Working Group and were therefore deleted, and 5,516 cases remain outstanding.

### **Observations**

344. The Working Group is gravely concerned at the increase in reported cases of recent enforced disappearances in the country. The Working Group is particularly concerned about the new worrying trend concerning recently reported cases in Colombo, in addition to the cases that have reportedly occurred in Jaffna, which seem to indicate a widespread pattern of disappearances in the country.

345. The Working Group is also concerned that many other cases may be occurring in the country and are not being reported because of fear of reprisals.

## Annex II

### DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP DURING 2007

Countries	Cases which allegedly occurred in 2007	Cases transmitted to the Government during 2007		Clarification by:		Discontinued cases
		Urgent actions	Normal actions	Government	Non-governmental sources	
Algeria	6	7	326	-	3	-
Argentina	-	-	-	55	-	-
Bahrain	1	1	-	-	1	-
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chad	-	-	12	-	-	-
China	2	1	-	-	-	-
Colombia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Democratic Republic of Congo	-	-	2	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ethiopia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Gambia	-	-	1	-	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	2
Honduras	-	1	3	2	-	-
India	-	-	8	2	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	5	-	-	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	1	-	-	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2	2	1	-	-	-
Mexico	1	1	1	-	-	-
Morocco	-	-	-	34	-	-
Myanmar	4	4	-	-	-	-
Nepal	-	-	21	3	2	-
Nigeria	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pakistan	1	2	29	14	2	-

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		Urgent actions	Normal actions	Government	Non-governmental sources	
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	3
Philippines	3	3	13	-	2	-
Russian Federation	2	2	1	7	-	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	1
Saudi Arabia	1	1	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	58	37	107	1	-	-
Sudan	-	-	14	5	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	-	-	3	1	1	-
Thailand	-	-	12	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	12	-	1
United Arab Emirates	-	-	1	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	6	-	-
Yemen	-	-	-	73	-	-

### Annex III

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY: CASES OF ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE REPORTED TO THE WORKING GROUP BETWEEN 1980 AND 2007

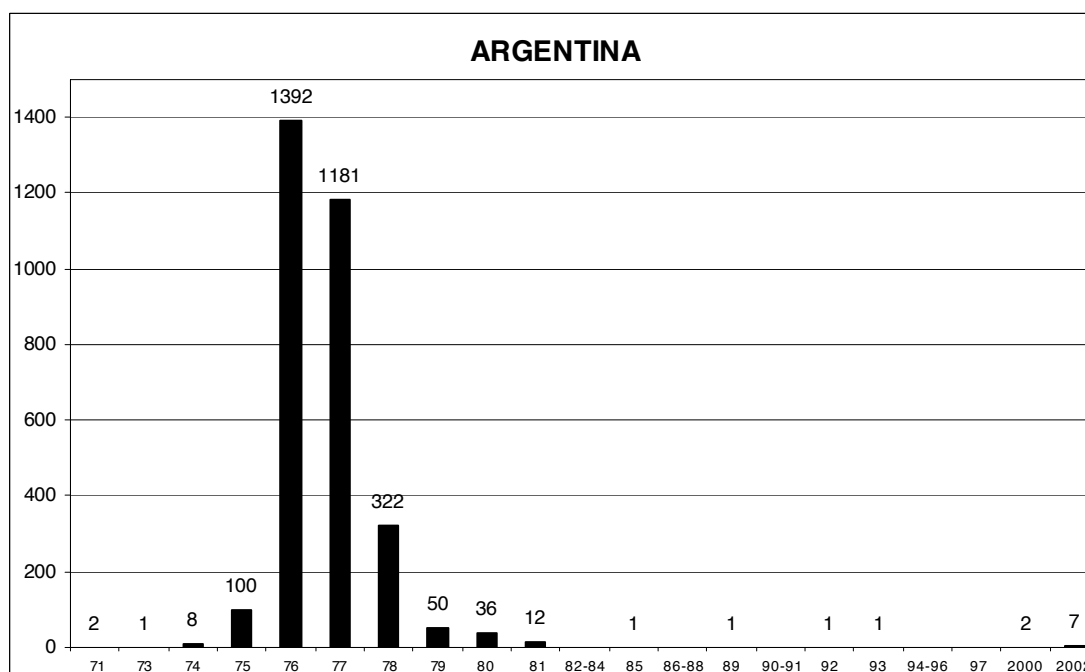
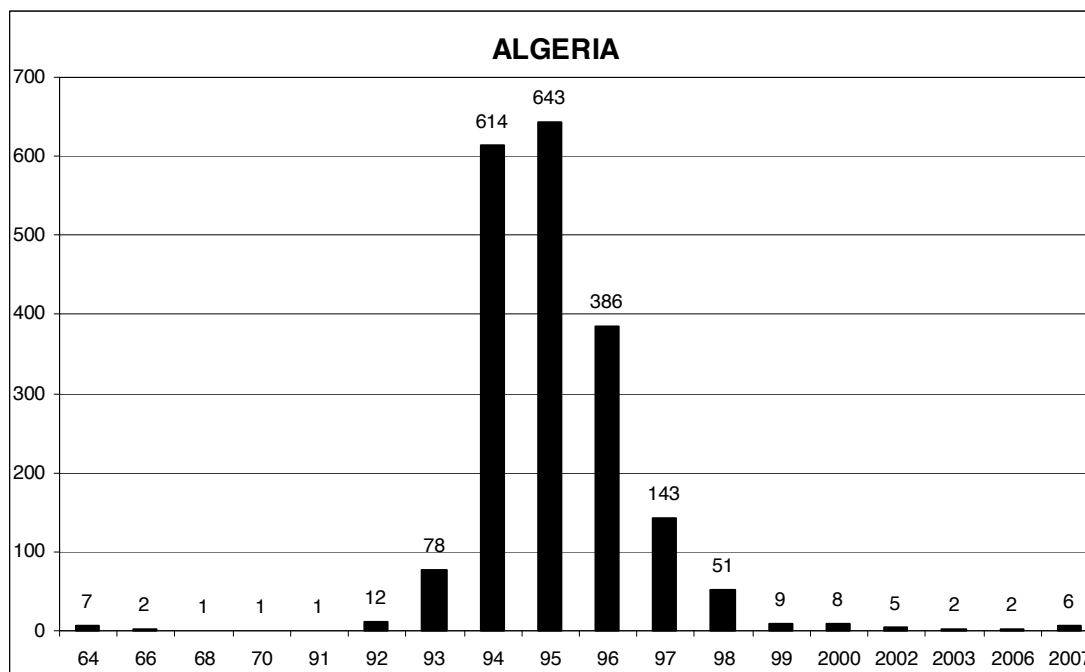
Countries/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Clarification by:		Status of person at date of clarification			Discontinued cases
	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	
	No. of cases	Female	No. of cases	Female						
Afghanistan	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria	1 973	19	1 952	18	9	12	8	6	7	-
Angola	10	1	3	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
Argentina	3 445	772	3 303	746	59	20	19	5		-
Bahrain	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	
Bangladesh	2	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Belarus	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	48	3	28	3	19	1	19	-	1	-
Brazil	63	4	13	-	46	4	1	-	49	-
Bulgaria	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Burkina Faso	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Burundi	53	-	52	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cambodia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cameroon	18	-	14	-	4	-	4	-	-	-
Chad	25	-	22	-	3	-	2	-	1	-
Chile	908	65	816	64	69	23	2	-	90	-
China	114	13	31	6	72	11	48	33	2	-
Colombia	1 225	122	957	92	201	67	157	24	87	-
Congo	114	3	114	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
DPRK	9	5	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRC	52	11	43	11	6	3	9	-	-	-

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Malaysia	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Mauritania	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	379	27	208	17	133	22	76	18	61	16
Montenegro	16	1	15	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Morocco	248	28	63	9	139	46	139	1	45	-
Mozambique	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	7	1	5	-	2	-	1	1	-	-
Namibia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	531	61	320	47	132	79	150	59	1	-
Nicaragua	234	4	103	2	112	19	45	11	75	-
Nigeria	6	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-
Pakistan	116	2	92	2	18	6	22	2	-	-
Paraguay	23	-	-	-	20	-	19	-	1	3
Peru	3 006	311	2 368	236	253	385	450	85	103	-
Philippines	774	90	615	70	124	35	105	19	29	-
Romania	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Russian Federation	468	26	457	24	1	10	11	-	-	-
Rwanda	24	2	21	2	-	2	1	1	-	1
Saudi Arabia	6	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Serbia	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Seychelles	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	11	1	-	-	3	2	1	1	3	6
Spain	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka*	12 085	147	5 516	81	6530	39	101	24	6 444	-

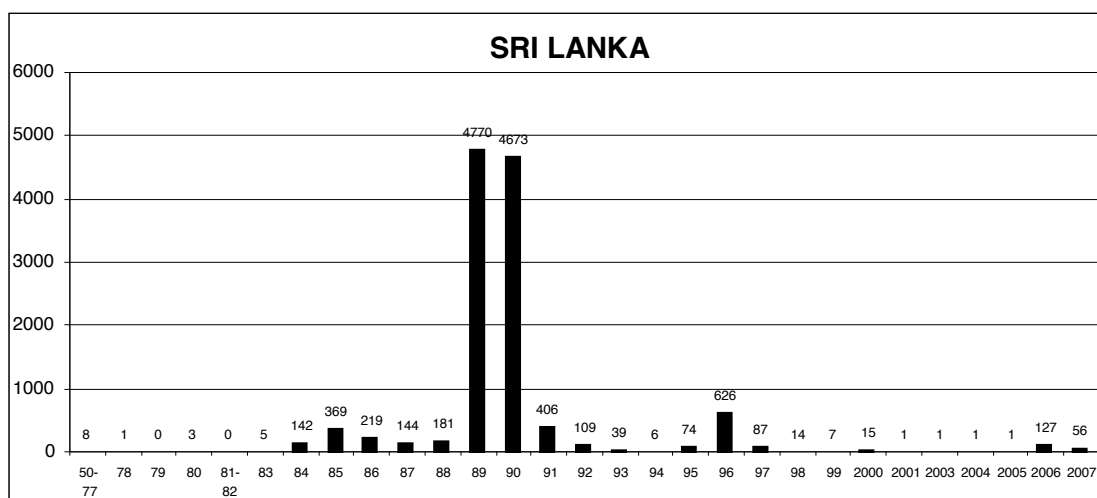
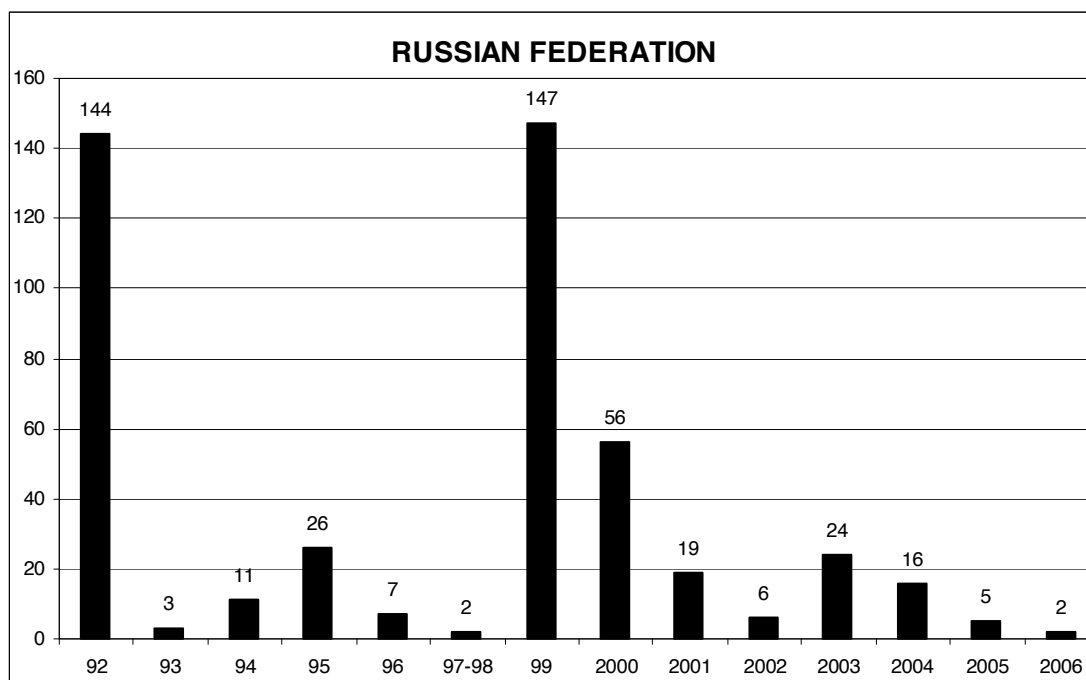
\* On the basis of the identification of duplications in the database, 378 cases were deleted.

# Annex IV

## GRAPHS SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISAPPEARANCES IN COUNTRIES WITH MORE THAN 100 TRANSMITTED CASES DURING THE PERIOD 1964-2007







**Annex V**

**LIST OF NAMES OF NEWLY REPORTED CASES, FROM COUNTRIES  
WHERE THERE WERE MORE THAN 10 NEWLY TRANSMITTED  
CASES DURING THE LAST YEAR**

<b>Algeria</b>		
10000861	Mohamed	Abas
10000408	Omar	Abbassi
10000862	Houari	Abbou
10000863	Abdelhadi	Abdelhadi
10000409	Mouloud	Abdellaoui
10000410	Nasser	Abdellaoui
10000864	Kheieddine	Abdelli
10000973	Sadek	Abdeslam
10000974	Rabah	Abid
10000865	Abdelhamid	Abrikh
10000866	Said	Absi
10000411	Kamal	Adbemeziane
10000412	Belabbes	Adjal
10000413	Hocine	Aftis
10000711	Ahmed	Aissani
10000867	Mounir	Aissani
10000559	Said	Aliane
10000560	Youcef	Aliane
10000561	Ali	Allag
10000975	Abdellah	Allal
10000414	Ahmed	Allaoua
10000868	Mohamed	Alouani
10000869	Kamel	Ammour
10000870	Rachid	Ammour
10000976	Toufik	Anene
10000871	Brahim	Aouabdia
10000415	Ali	Aous
10000872	Mokhtar	Atallah
10000873	Hocine	Atrous
10000693	Abdelkader	Azzemou
10000977	Abdelmalek	Bachiri
10000701	Kamel	Bahlouli
10000702	Smain	Bahlouli
10000874	Ayache	Bakhouch
10000875	Mohamed	Bala
10000416	Amar	Bechkoun
10000417	Ahmed	Behli
10000978	Mohamed	Bekaddour
10000979	Abdelhafid	Bekchiche

<b>Philippines (continued)</b>		
10000383	Tomsan Mowsak	Pethurupillai Mariathas
10000397	Sivasubramaniam	Raveendranath
10000382	Kalarani	Santhirakumar
10000380	Alfred Arulnesan	Sellaiya Arulambalam
10000489	Uthayaraj	Selvaratnam
10000493	Kandeepan	Sinathampi Narayanamoorthy
10000386	Vaikunthan	Sinnaiah Achchuthan
10000385	Jasuthan	Sinnathurai Kanthaiah
10000495	Reginauld Yokananth	Soosaipillai
10000496	Hamilton Marinthirao	Soosaithas
10000498	Jayasinghe	Steven
10000517	Ketheeswaran	Suyambu Nadar
10000518	Kanapathy Nadar	Suyambu Nadar
10000499	Tharmasri	Thambiah
10000500	T. Preminy	Thanuskody
10000389	Muththaiya	Thiruchchelvam
10000509	Senthan	Thurai Selvaraja
10000511	Suresh	Velan Sithamparanadarajah
10000723	Leo	Velasco
<b>Sri Lanka</b>		
10000858	Thadchanamoorthy	Ahilarajah
10000797	Maruthai	Ajanthan
10000852	Soosainather	Anthonippillai
10000848	Satheeskaran	Arulnesarasa
10000532	Christy Balendran	Croos
10000798	Madasamy	Devalingam
10000855	Pattacomay Xavear Sotherajn	Dias
10000799	Vadivel	Divakaran
10000539	Antony Paul	Eldrin Mathew
10000836	Yoharatan	Emmanuel Mariyasubre
10000854	Joseph Lawrence Prasanna	Fernando
10000844	Kasinathar	Ganeshalingam
10000800	Sivarajah	Haran
10000787	Sivakumar	Jathavakumar
10000542	Thomas	Jesudasan
10000801	Subramanian	Jesuthasan
10000522	Savunthararajan	Jevakumar Sharmila
10000837	Tharshan	Jeyachandran
10000802	Ramiah	Jeyaraja
10000543	Madasamy	Jeyasankar
10000803	Kanagalingam	Jeyathan
10000849	Ravindran	Kailayapillai
10000544	Thuruaiappa	Kalaichelvan
10000856	Sivakadacham	Kamaleswaran
10000838	Sritharan	Kanthasamy

Sri Lanka ( <i>continued</i> )		
10000788	Yoganadan	Kapeelan
10000843	Thangarasa	Kathirkamar
10000804	Balasubramaniam	Kirupalan
10000528	Thavapalan	Krishnakaran
10000805	Sivathanan	Kugathanan
10000545	Ahamed Jalal	Lal Premaratne
10000546	Nishanthi	Lal Premaratne
10000789	Alakaiya	Logeswaran
10000806	Mahendran	Madanakasan
10000547	Thamodaram	Mahendran
10000729	Matheesh	Mahendran
10000845	Balraj	Maheswaran
10000807	Kunachelvam	Mahinthan
10000808	Shanmugalingam	Manivannan
10000809	Gnasiththan	Manoranajan
10000810	Yogarasa	Mathanarasa
10000533	Sabapathy	Matheeswaran
10000790	Sebamalaikumutthu	Maxie Bolton
10000811	Thangavel	Mayuran
10000791	Mohamad	Mazreen
10000792	Luis	Moris Satkunanathan
10000793	Janap Saheed	Muhammathu
10000812	Paranjothipillai	Navarathna
10000813	Thuraiasa	Nimalan
10000548	Subramaniam	Paramasivam
10000794	Pathmanathan	Pradeepan
10000814	Sanmugathas	Pratheep
10000815	Mary Joseph Jugin	Premkumar
10000816	Yoganathanpillai	Pushpakumar
10000817	Ariyathas	Pushpathas
10000529	Kanapathipillai	Puvaneshwaran
10000549	Ramakrishnan	Raj Kumar
10000550	Sriharan	Rajagajan
10000795	Anthony Christy	Rajan
10000551	Karunakaran	Rajkumar
10000523	Jayakanthan	Ramaiyah
10000841	Rajakumar	Ramakrishnan
10000552	Balakrishna	Ramar
10000527	Raveendran	Ranjith
10000530	Balendran	RatheesKanth
10000818	Kailayapillai	Raveenthiran
10000819	Subramaniam	Ravees
10000820	Kanapathipillai	Ravindran
10000821	Mariyam Pillai	Robin Ruston
10000521	Satheesh	Sabaratham

Sri Lanka ( <i>continued</i> )		
10000553	Muthiah	Sathyaseelan
10000554	Selladurai	Selvakumar
10000846	Sujendran	Shanmuganathan
10000822	Kunjunpillai	Sivakanthan
10000842	Thivyathas	Sivasothy
10000823	Kanagasapai	Steepan
10000824	Joseph	Suganthakumar
10000525	Kanapathy Nadar	Sujampu Nadar
10000526	Ketheeswaran	Sujampu Nadar
10000825	Mahalingam	Suppaiah
10000826	Puniyamurthi	Surendrakumar
10000555	Murugiah	Surendran
10000531	Palanisamy	Suresh
10000827	Ramachandra	Susilakumar
10000828	Palanivel Pillai	Sutharshan
10000847	Vasantharajan	Thambiraja
10000829	Rathnasingham Jagan	Thanapal
10000857	Ponniah	Thangavelli
10000859	Thevaraja	Thavaprasath
10000830	Thangarasa	Thavaputhran
10000540	Nivarshan	Thavarajah
10000831	Kanagarathnam	Thawatheeban
10000839	Jeyaganesh	Theivendram
10000850	Rajaratnam	Thevachandaran
10000851	Stanis Jeyakumar	Thevasahayampillai
10000832	Thamotharam Pillai	Thirubalasingam
10000556	Muthaiya	Thiruchelvam
10000524	Harigari Dasan	Tyron
10000833	Mathuraveeran	Udayakumar
10000834	Markandu	Vadivanathan
10000557	Morrison	Varapragasam
10000541	Vairamuththu	Varatharasan
10000534	Nadesan	Velayuthan
10000786	Vinasithambi	Vellanayagam
10000796	Nadaraja	Vijayakumar
10000835	Daniel	Yogarajan
10000840	David	Yogarajan