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### **ABSTRACT**

The government of Sri Lanka had to face several international challenges with the end of civil conflict between Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE) in 2009. After eradicating the LTTE the Tamil Diaspora including some countries bias to LTTE forced Sri Lanka to implement a genuine investigation in to alleged human right violation and war crimes. During this process Tamil Diaspora acted as a key element which caused a threat towards Sri Lankan government. In this research, the researcher has taken an effort to find out what kind of impact that the Tamil Diaspora impose on the foreign policy of Sri Lanka and possible measures to overcome those challenges. The study has been conducted using both primary and secondary data and it is based on the qualitative data analysis. Secondary data have been collected from books, journals, reports, academic publications, conference proceedings, websites, web articles, newspaper articles and magazines. Primary data have collected by speeches and policy documents. The study could recognize a series of strategies used by the Tamil Diaspora in order to maximize their interests. The researcher could conclude that there is an impact of Tamil Diaspora on Sri Lankan foreign policy. Therefore the researcher recommends the government of Sri Lanka, to practice the principles of democracy, transparency and good-governance, to implement independent investigations into war crimes and the recommendations of the previous commission reports, maintain a non-aligned foreign policy, and to complete the reconstruction, resettlement and reconciliation process.

Key words: Tamil Diaspora, Foreign Policy, Sri Lanka, International Challenges, Human Rights, Violation, War Crimes, Post War.