

**Statement by the German Embassy in Washington  
at the Pre-Tokyo Sri Lanka Seminar, 14 April 2003, Washington D.C.**

- Germany is grateful for the invitation to this conference and commends the U.S. government for hosting it. We also commend the efforts of the international community to contribute to peace, reconciliation and reconstruction in Sri Lanka.
  
- Germany, along with its EU partners, has supported the peace process from the outset and has envisioned additional and substantial assistance for the reconstruction of Sri Lanka.
  
- The German Government will, therefore, participate in the Tokyo 'Conference on Reconstruction and Development in Sri Lanka' on 9/10 June, where we will give more details on our concrete and increased assistance to Sri Lanka.
  
- Germany considers it important that the international community continues to support the peace process in Sri Lanka. As the second largest bilateral donor to Sri Lanka with over 1 bn. US-Dollars in assistance so far, Germany remains committed to this endeavor.
  
- For the next two years, Germany has pledged 43.5 Mio. Euro in bilateral assistance plus 3 Mio. US-Dollars in humanitarian relief.
  
- Sri Lanka could become a model for the peaceful resolution of conflicts, in the South Asian Region and beyond, and Germany stands ready to support Sri Lanka on its way to a peaceful and stable society.