

# **US Department of State on Geneva Talks**

Sean McCormack, United States Department of State Spokesman issued a statement welcoming the decision by the government and the LT TE to hold peace talks in Geneva recently. He also commended Special envoy Erik Solheim for his effort to advance this positive development and fully supports Norway's facilitation of the peace process.

The statement commended the Sri Lankan government for its restraint in the face of recent provocative attacks and fully supports its efforts as it advances towards peace. It also called on both the Government of Sri Lanka and the LT TE to take immediate action to prevent violence and to uphold the terms of the Ceasefire Agreement.