

## The Tamil Boat Show<sup>1</sup>

Canada, Stand up and Be Counted!

Your short editorial on the Tamil Boat Show is right on. Hohum, another boat full of..., yes, of what or whom? It is clear by now that we have developed a sucker reputation with people coming to our country by hook or by crook. They fully expect to be accepted by a timid, weak-kneed refugee administration that is supported by a citizenry so compassionate, it can't think its way straight through such invasions.

If I'm not mistaken, we are bullied into these situations by UN provisions we have "voluntarily" signed on to under "moral" pressure from a UN majority. It is cheap and easy for that majority to pass such provisions, for few will ever face this mess. No one in their right mind would even think of going to most of the nations who voted for it. They voted for it, for they knew they would not have to bear the burden of their vote. The nations that produce wretched conditions, who can't run their own countries, telling Canada to accept their wretched! This is too much.

Let's accept this boat and make it clear to the world that it is the last. It is time for Canada to stand up, sign off from that convention and do her own thing. Be compassionate, absolutely, but that is different from being a sucker. *Accept more refugees than we already do.* Welcome more of the wretched of the earth, but not just any crowd that unscrupulous dealers manage to usher on to our shores.

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<sup>1</sup>Letter to Editor, *The Province*, 11 Aug/2010.