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COLOMBO, May 11 — Sri Lankan Tamil rebels have congratulated South Africa's new president Nelson Mandela but asked him to stop his country's arms sales to Colombo.

"We request your excellency to take steps to stop the sale of armaments and armoured vehicles to the Sri Lankan government", the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said in a message sent to Mandela on Tuesday.

Extracts of the message, received in a statement from the group's London office, said the arms supplied by the former Pretoria administration "were being used against the people of Tamil Eelam to crush their aspirations for peace and freedom".

The rebels praised Mandela for overcoming all odds to bring peace and freedom to his people, adding: "Your great country is destined to play a major role in the affairs of oppressed peoples who strive for emancipation all over the world". — (Reuter)

