## **Religious Leaders meet the EU officials**

An inter-religious Delegation headed by Most Rev. Malcolm Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo, and Bellanwila Wimalaratna Venerable Nayaka Thero, Chief Incumbent of the Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya, Ven. Kamburugamuwe Vajira Thero, Hindu Vidyanithi Brahmasri Kuhananda Sarma, Venerator Alhaj Mohamed Moulavi Viyas JP, Coordinator of Muslim Affairs to the President and Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando, visited Brussels from 04-07 November 2010 to meet EU officials.

The Delegation met the DDG/RELEX of the European Commission, Mr. Karel Kovanda and Mr. Boguslav Majeswski, Head of Unit Asia & Oceania of the European Council. They also held discussions former President of the European Parliament Dr. Hans Gert Poettering and Mr. Thomas Mann, Vice-President of the South Asia Delegation of the European Parliament.

The Delegation also called on Most Rev. Josef De Kesel, Arch Bishop of Brussels.

On the sidelines of the visit the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brussels also organized a community gathering where the Sri Lankan Community had an opportunity to meet the religious leaders.