



**13th Session of the Universal Periodic Review
Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
at the UPR on Algeria**

Madam President,

The delegation of Sri Lanka warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Algeria, and commends the comprehensive statement and the consultative process adopted in preparing the National Report.

Sri Lanka notes that Algeria's second UPR comes at an important time when the country has embarked on a major reform process. We commend Algeria for its adoption of new legislation, which will further strengthen democratic institutions and pluralism. We note with satisfaction that a key feature of the newly elected National Assembly is that its membership comprises 32% women.

Sri Lanka, as a country that has suffered the scourge of terrorism for decades, and gained a decisive victory over its manifestations, commends Algeria for the consistent position adopted in combating terrorism, within a well-defined legal framework, in consonance with the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

We also note with satisfaction the amendments introduced to the Penal Code to criminalise human trafficking.

We congratulate Algeria for having adopted substantive measures to promote the rights of women and children. We are also encouraged by the National Action Plan for Children.

Algeria is well placed to achieving the eight MDG goals by 2015. We take positive note of the high enrolment rate for school going children and the significant reduction in maternal mortality.

In conclusion, Madam President, my delegation wishes Algeria all success in its UPR second cycle.