



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

Madam President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the high-level delegation of Brazil, and commends the comprehensive statement. Brazil's inclusive and consultative approach to the UPR is well reflected in the National Report.

Sri Lanka commends Brazil's strategy of promoting and protecting human rights through sustainable development and social inclusion. To this end, we note Brazil's efforts to integrate human rights into economic growth strategies.

We note with satisfaction the agrarian reform policies adopted by Brazil to achieve food security, enhance access to productive resources in the rural economy and strengthen family agriculture. We particularly note the inclusion of Human Right to Adequate Food as a social right under the Federal Constitution of 2010.

We are encouraged by Brazil's commitment to promoting gender equality, with 2011 marking the highest proportion of women holding cabinet-level positions at 24 per cent; and that the Statute on Racial Equality in 2010 has marked a significant step in promoting equality in diversity.

We note that Brazil's Family Health Strategy has played a critical role in reducing infant mortality and malnutrition, and expanding vaccine coverage. We acknowledge efforts by Brazil in poverty eradication despite continuing challenges.

In conclusion, Madam President, my delegation recommends continued action in eradicating extreme poverty.

Thank you.