



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on
the Universal Periodic Review of Gabon
14th Session

Madam President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the high-level delegation of Gabon led by -----
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Working Group.

We welcome the efforts made by the Government of Gabon since 2009 in
combatting discrimination against women.

We also commend the measures undertaken to protect the rights of
children, including the adoption of the Act aimed at combating,
investigating and establishing the conditions for controls of child
trafficking. We further note that in 2008, Gabon hosted the regional
conference on child trafficking organized by the OHCHR.

The Government of Gabon's commitment toward establishing and
implementing important public policies in the areas of providing persons

with disabilities, particularly children, access to health care and education, and in efforts to raise awareness of human rights, are also noteworthy.

We further welcome continued efforts to develop the education sphere with a strong focus on raising the school attendance rate and promoting gender equality and access to education. The development of an education policy that is based on a 10-year agreement (2010-2020), cyber school projects and legal provisions, to ensure compulsory education are notable.

We are encouraged by Gabon's efforts toward establishing a policy to combat trafficking in persons, based on prevention, prosecution and the international legal framework.

In this connection, Sri Lanka would like to recommend that the Government of Gabon strengthen measures and frameworks to combat trafficking in persons to enable the safe return and repatriation of victims of trafficking.

Madam President, in conclusion, Sri Lanka would like to wish Gabon all success in its UPR engagement in the second cycle.

Thank You.