



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
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Madam President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the high level delegation of Ghana, and commends their comprehensive engagement in the UPR Working Group.

My delegation is encouraged by the national frameworks established by the Government of Ghana as means of promoting and protecting human rights. Public education programmes by the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, and the recommendations by the Constitutional Review Commission on the housing deficit, are worthy of mention.

We recognize that Ghana has strived toward maintaining democratic legislative procedures, with the holding of five presidential and parliamentary elections since 1992.

Sri Lanka notes that the AIDS epidemic in Ghana has been described by UNAIDS as a stable epidemic, and that it is among five countries in the sub region whose HIV prevalence among young people declined by more than 25% between 2001 and 2010.

We acknowledge efforts undertaken to protect the rights of women and children, through the establishment of a Domestic Violence Secretariat under the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs, and the Network Against Child Abuse initiative.

Sri Lanka welcomes Ghana's commitment toward increasing the enrolment of girls in schooling. The increase in the enrollment of girls at the tertiary level from 34.5% in 2005 to 38% in 2009 is encouraging.

In conclusion, Madam President, Sri Lanka recommends that the Government of Ghana continue with its efforts in enhancing girls' access to primary, secondary and tertiary education.

Thank you.