



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

Sri Lanka warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Japan led by -----, and commends the consultative and inclusive process adopted in preparation for the UPR Working Group.

My delegation notes the positive engagement and voluntary follow-up action undertaken by the Government of Japan, toward the protection and promotion of human rights, including its accepted recommendations in the first cycle. We take particular note of plans to establish a national human rights commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We welcome the Japanese Government's initiatives to promote and protect the rights of women. In this regard, we view the "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality", approved by the Cabinet in December 2010, which established 15 priority fields for creating a gender-equal society, as timely.

Sri Lanka is encouraged by the measures undertaken by Japan in protecting and promoting the rights of the child, and protecting the rights of migrant workers. We also take particular note of Japan's Action Plan of Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Madam President,

My delegation would like to recommend to the Government of Japan to continue with concerted action towards combating trafficking in persons, and to strengthen relevant frameworks in this regard.

In conclusion, Madam President, my delegation would like to wish Japan all success in its UPR engagement in the second cycle.

Thank You.