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**Statement by Sri Lanka**  
**The Universal Periodic Review 14<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**Review of Peru**

Madam President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the high level delegation of Peru led by -----  
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measures taken to promote and protect human rights.

Sri Lanka welcomes the legislative and institutional developments  
that have taken place in Peru since the first UPR cycle, to better  
protect and promote human rights in the country. Among these,  
the planned National Human Rights Plan of Action 2012-2016 and  
the establishment of the Ministries of Development and Social  
Integration, of Culture, and of Environment, are noteworthy. My  
delegation also welcomes continued efforts to alleviate poverty,  
and budget increases in the health and education sectors.

My delegation welcomes initiatives such as the National Plan for  
Equal Opportunities of Men and Women (2006-2010). We  
commend the submission of the draft law which aims to introduce  
an electoral quota for women. In this regard, we note that last  
year, of those elected to congress in the general elections, women

accounted for 22 per cent. We further welcome measures to protect women against violence, including the adoption of the Second National Plan (2009-2015) to Combat Violence against Women.

My delegation notes that more than 80 per cent of victims of trafficking in Peru were women, and close to 60 per cent were minors. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (2011-2016) and proactive initiatives such as the human trafficking helpline, aimed at combating trafficking in persons and assisting victims of such crimes.

Sri Lanka particularly welcomes efforts undertaken by the Government of Peru toward assisting its people to regain normalcy after the internal conflict of 20 years.

In conclusion, Madam President, Sri Lanka recommends that Peru continues action to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

Thank you.