

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

Madam President,

Sri Lanka warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of the Republic of Korea led by \_\_\_\_\_\_, and commends their comprehensive presentation to the UPR Working Group.

Sri Lanka appreciates the measures undertaken by the Government of the Republic of Korea to protect and promote human rights, including the establishment of its second National Action Plan for the 2012-2016 period.

We commend progress made in the promotion and protection of the rights of children, and towards achieving gender equality and equity. We are encouraged by the Gender Impact Assessment and Analysis Act enacted in 2011 to ensure gender equality in government policies, and the plan to appoint more women to high-ranking managerial positions in government.

Sri Lanka commends the ROK Government's efforts to address work-related grievances of migrant workers. In this regard, we

welcome the establishment of a counselling centre, and the many support centres aimed at assisting and advising migrant workers. We also note the measures taken to ensure the implementation of regulations on the rights of migrant workers, including best practices in employment.

Madam President,

Sri Lanka would like to recommend to the Government of the Republic of Korea to continue to take measures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers.

In conclusion, Sri Lanka would like to wish the Republic of Korea success in its UPR engagement in the second cycle.

Thank You.