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Madame President,

We welcome the delegation of Sri-Lanka in the UPR and thank for its informative presentation.

We are happy to see the end to the 30 year long conflict in Sri Lanka and the measures taken to advance the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country and especially in the conflict-affected areas. We recommend Sri Lanka to continue its efforts in that regard.

Sri Lanka has integrated the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) into the national development agenda. Among the notable achievements are those related to equitable primary education, maternal and child mortality, access to safe drinking water and literacy.

Sri Lanka is a party to seven core human rights treaties, including ICCPR, CEDAW, CRC and etc. In similar vein, we would like to ask whether the Government is considering joining the conventions concerning the protection of refugees.

We welcome the measures taken by the Government concerning the resettlement of internally displaced persons, including the closure of the last IDP welfare village in the country. While being aware of the commitment of the Government to addressing the remaining challenges of the returnees we recommend Sri Lanka to develop a comprehensive policy with regard to all aspects of internal displacement.

Thank you for attention.