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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
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Thank you Madam President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Sri Lanka led by Hon Mahinda Samarasinghe, Special Envoy of the President on Human Rights, for his presentation. *↳ Minister of Plantation Industries and*

We commend the efforts of the Government of Sri Lanka for carrying out its obligations by coordinating and consulting all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its National Report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam notes Sri Lanka's commitment towards the promotion and protection of the rights for its people. We congratulate the Government of Sri Lanka on the launching of the National Plan of Action for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (NHRAP) in December 2011 which includes steps to advance the empowerment of women, women's rights, and gender equality. We would encourage Sri Lanka to continue its ongoing efforts to implement the NHRAP for the benefit of all its citizens.

Brunei Darussalam is encouraged by the ongoing efforts undertaken by the Government of Sri Lanka towards the alleviation of poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, as well as upholding the rights of persons with disabilities. We welcome the measures taken to safeguard and advance the rights of children through its national mechanisms such as the National Child Protection Authority.

Brunei Darussalam appreciates Sri Lanka's continued cooperation with the United Nations and its mechanisms to further promote and protect the rights of its people. Finally, we encourage Sri Lanka to maintain the good momentum of this constructive approach.

Thank you.