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Statement by the delegation of Cambodia
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Madame President,

- 1- At the outset, Cambodia wishes to extend our warmest welcome the Delegation of Sri Lanka led by the Honourable Minister at this 14TH Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank him for the presentation of the National Report at this Session of 2nd UPR Cycle.
- 2- Cambodia takes note of the commitments of the Government of Sri Lanka as demonstrated in its efforts to take practical steps to implement a great number of the recommendations adopted during the first UPR cycle.
- 3- We recognize the efforts currently undertaken by the Government of Sri Lanka to address all the remaining challenges, focusing in particular on legislative, institutional steps and other related measures for rehabilitation and development of the country. The launching of the National Human Rights Action Plan in 2011 clearly demonstrates Government's commitments to the promotion and protection of Human Rights in the country. We are pleased to learn that Sri Lanka is being on track to achieving most of the targets of MDGs.
- 4- We appreciate the works done by the network of specialised public institutions that operate in the country to promote and protect various categories of human rights, through which a constructive partnership has been forged between the State and civil society.
- 5- We take note with appreciation of notable progress made by the Government of Sri Lanka (together with bilateral donors, the UN and NGOs) on demining in the related areas, as 98 percent of which has been completed, and thus enabling the speedy return of the IDPs to their places of origin. Cambodia therefore encourages the Government of Sri Lanka to make further efforts to complete the demining process as early as possible.
- 6- Sri Lanka is a party to most of core International Treaties and Conventions. In this connection, we recommend the Government of Sri Lanka to make further efforts to ratify other relevant international instruments that are vital to the promotion and protection of Human Rights, in keeping with national capacity and priority.

Thank you,