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**Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of Sri Lanka
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My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka led by H.E. Mr. *Mahinda Samarasighe* and the introduction of informative report by the delegation.

The DPRK commends the Government of Sri Lanka for progress made in the implementation of recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR. We commend, in particular, the achievements made by Sri Lanka, including integration of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) into the national development agenda, achieving equitable primary education, reduced maternal and child mortality, and access to safe drinking water by the population.

We wish the Government of Sri Lanka all the best in furtherance of its positive effort for protection and promotion of human rights and, in this respect, **recommend** the following:

- 1) to ensure ongoing social welfare and protection measures to ensure the maintenance of levels of human development already achieved and realization of the MDGs
- 2) to continue human rights education for police and security forces to ensure better protection and maintenance of human rights standards.