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Universal Periodic Review of SRI LANKA

Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

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Estonia welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka to the 14th session of the UPR. We thank Sri Lanka for their work in preparing the report presented earlier and also for the additional information given, however we have to note that consultations with civil society have been modest and the report does not fully reflect the human rights situation in the country.

First, Estonia welcomes Sri Lanka's National Action Plan for Human Rights and the National Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and the recommendations already implemented. However, we underline that all the recommendations of the LLRC and past commissions of inquiry need to be fully implemented.

Second, Estonia is concerned about the fundamental freedoms of the people of Sri Lanka, such as freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and Internet freedom.

Estonia makes two most urgent **recommendations** to Sri Lanka:

- 1) to hold accountable all persons who are liable for the violation of human rights and humanitarian law and
- 2) to accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Thank you!