

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran
on consideration of UPR Report of Sri Lanka
1 November 2012- Geneva**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka headed by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Plantation and thanks them for presenting the very informative and comprehensive report.

Madam president,

Sri Lanka is now a stable, united and forward-looking country. We commend the government and people of Sri Lanka for their considerable achievements in restoration of civil administration, infrastructure and economic development in the north and east of the country affected by the internal conflict.

Madam president,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to be considered by the Government of Sri Lanka:

- Continue its efforts in launching the National Plan of Action for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;
- Increase its endeavors in promotion of equity in economic development, poverty eradication, eliminating regional disparities, and guaranteeing equality of opportunity for all Sri Lankan citizens;
- Carry on its measures in the implementation of the Act on Prevention of Domestic Violence as a means to improve and protect the rights of women;

- Increase its efforts on strengthening protection of children's rights in such areas as child labor, domestic violence, trafficking and sexual exploitation;

To conclude, **Madam President**, we wish every success for the government and people of Sri Lanka in their endeavors towards peace, development and prosperity.

I thank you Madam President,
