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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
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Thank you, Madam President,

Kazakhstan's delegation welcomes distinguished delegation of Sri Lanka headed by H.E. _____.

We thank His Excellency for a comprehensive presentation. My delegation commends achievements and efforts of the Government of Sri Lanka in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens.

Our delegation welcomes the military defeat of the terroristic organization of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and end of 30-year conflict in May 2009 as well as the successful humanitarian operation in 2008-2009.

It is worth mentioning that Government of Sri Lanka has created The Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission for further strengthening and promoting human rights.

Kazakhstan recognizes Sri Lanka's efforts in securing and maintaining rights of women and children by implementing the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act as well as establishing the National Child Protection Authority which has a wide mandate with regard to the prevention of all forms of violence and abuse against children.

Concerning the National Report we recommend the delegation of Sri Lanka:

1. To further strengthen cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, particularly Special Procedures and try to respond in a timely manner to the questionnaires sent by the special procedures.

2. To take steps to protect people from acts of terrorism, through domestic legislation.

In conclusion our delegation wishes to witness further progress and realization of human rights within the non-discriminatory and transparent framework.

Thank you.