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Mme. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka to the 14<sup>th</sup> session of UPR Working Group, Human Rights Council.

My delegation congratulates the achievement made by the Government of Sri Lanka in integrating the MDGs into the national development agenda and is on track on reaching most of the targets. The notable achievements are those related to equitable primary education, maternal and child mortality.

We note that Sri Lanka is party to seven core human rights treaties and four optional protocols and is also signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It has harmonized the international treaties to domestic legislations for ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

My delegation wishes to encourage Sri Lanka government continues to cooperate with the UN and other International organisations in developing further its legal and institutional framework with respect to the promotion and protection of human rights in Sri Lanka.

I thank you, Mme. President