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**Review of Sri Lanka**  
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Thank you Madam President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We remain hopeful that Sri Lanka's claims of effort to promote and protect the human rights of all its peoples such as poverty alleviation; education; the rights of women and children and the implementation of its Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (NHRAP) are sincere.

3. Sri Lanka's long civil war was costly in all terms and tragic. It has now ended. Let us all work to ensure this terrible wound does not remain exposed to fester but let us make sure that it is closed and medicated so it will heal properly. Genuine effort at reconciliation will achieve that.

4. No one should presume to understand the difficulties of sectarian polarisation of Sri Lanka nor try to prescribe precise solutions to the problem. Both communities must work out this problem in sincerity and genuine desire for peace with no interference from outsiders.

5. We recommend Sri Lanka to continue implementing the LLRC recommendations. We also recommend Sri Lanka to continue the efforts at strengthening its national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights and to encourage awareness among its peoples to ensure fairness, justice, durable goodwill, unity and peace.

I thank you, Madam President.