



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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Review of the National Report of Sri Lanka

Statement by

Ambassador Joaquim da Fonseca

Thank you Mdm. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Sri Lanka to the 14th Session of the UPR WG.

We commend Sri Lanka for the launching of the National Human Rights Action Plan as a follow-up to the recommendations of the UPR of 2008. It is important to note that this Action Plan has to be implemented in a situation following decades of armed conflict. In this connection, we welcome the establishment of the Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC). The recommendations of the LLRC constitute an essential foundation to build a more harmonious society, and to ensure that the human rights of all Sri Lankans, regardless of their backgrounds, are protected. We recommend that Sri Lanka continues its efforts to implement the LLRC's recommendations.

We welcome Sri Lanka's openness to cooperate with the UN Human Rights Mechanisms, in particular with the Working Group on enforced and Involuntary Disappearances. We recommend that this cooperation be intensified to establish the fate of those who may have not been accounted for at the end of the armed conflict.

We wish Sri Lanka all the success in its efforts.

Thank you.