



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on
the Universal Periodic Review of Ukraine
14th Session

Madam President,

Sri Lanka warmly welcomes the high level delegation from Ukraine, led by -----, and commends the comprehensive statement which provided an overview of the challenges faced and action taken to promote and protect human rights. Sri Lanka takes note of the broad consultative process adopted in preparing the National Report.

My delegation recognizes that Ukraine has continuously taken steps to refine domestic legislation with a view to implementing best practices, and toward the promotion and protection of human rights. Notable among these efforts, are work underway in the preparation of a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, and the national level inter-denominational consultative bodies, that assist in combating religious intolerance.

Sri Lanka also notes the conscientious efforts undertaken by the Government in conjunction with international migration and labour organisations, to combat and prevent trafficking in persons, including the

launching of seminars and training sessions for civil servants, law enforcement officials, lawyers and media personnel. We also welcome the efforts to protect the rights of women and children.

My delegation would like to make the following two recommendations to the Government of Ukraine:

- Strengthen efforts in mitigating the effects caused by the decline in schools in recent years, to ensure that the children's schooling cycle is not left vulnerable.
- Continue to develop the National health sector, with a special focus on access to health for poorer segments of the population.

In conclusion, Madam President, Sri Lanka would like to wish Ukraine success in its UPR engagement in the second cycle.

Thank you.