



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Mr. President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the high level delegation of France to the UPR Working Group.

My delegation notes the positive measures taken by the Government of France in working towards gender equality and integration of immigrants, in safeguarding children's rights and in combating racial discrimination.

Sri Lanka welcomes the establishment of a Ministry of Women's Rights with a view to eliminating discrimination and ensuring gender equality, and in this respect the launch of the Inter-ministerial Action Plan and the establishment of legal measures to combat inequalities in remuneration.

We also take note of the launch of the national action plan to combat racism (2012–2014) aimed at eliminating all forms of discrimination on account of ethnic origin.

My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations to the Government of France: