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Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Mr President,

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

We take note of the advances made in Liechtenstein in the various areas since the first cycle of the UPR, as elaborated in the National Report. We note that considerable attention has been paid, inter alia, to the rights of the child, addressing gender inequality and integration of foreigners.

Particularly noteworthy is the establishment of an Ombudsman for Children and Young People in 2009 to consider complaints and questions related to them, and also the creation of the Children and Youth Advisory Council.

We are encouraged by the efforts being made by Liechtenstein to prevent human trafficking even though, according to authorities, the country has not experienced this phenomenon on its soil.

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

1. Continue to address ~~the~~ gender inequality in the work place, and in particular, occupational segregation and the gender wage gap;
2. Strengthen measures to combat racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, in all aspects of society, including through targeted legislative measures.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to wish the Government of Liechtenstein success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.

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