



**Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

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Mr. President,

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

My delegation acknowledges the positive results of the measures taken by the Government of Luxembourg to combat gender discrimination, in particular the narrowing of the earning gap and the increase in the number of women in decision-making positions.

We take note of the steps taken to ensure access to schooling, including of children of refugees, in particular the entitlement of all children above the age of 3 years to schooling regardless of their parents' status.

We also take note of Luxembourg's efforts at combating human trafficking and the passage of new legislation in this area, as well as efforts at combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism. In this respect, Sri Lanka notes that Luxembourg has ratified the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

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

1. Continue its efforts to end sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children, in particular of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.
2. Continue efforts to bridge inequalities in employment on account of nationality;
3. Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
4. Continue its efforts in combating money laundering and financing of terrorism.

In conclusion, Mr President, my delegation wishes the Government of Luxembourg success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you, Mr President.