



**Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Review of Senegal - 21 October 2013**

Mr. President,

My delegation, at the outset, welcomes the delegation of Senegal led by ...
...to the UPR Working Group. We thank Senegal for its national report and
the presentation this afternoon.

Sri Lanka appreciates the many positive developments that have taken place
in Senegal in the promotion and protection of human rights, especially in
relation to achieving gender parity, protection of children, right to education
and access to health, to name a few.

Also noteworthy are the establishment of the National Observatory on
Gender Parity, the road map for the elimination of the worst forms of child
labour by 2016, the Child Survival Action Plan and the adoption of ten years
of compulsory education. We especially welcome attention given to the
empowerment of women, and in this respect, note efforts to retain girls in
schools.

We recognize that these significant developments have taken place despite
inherent challenges and constraints.

Mr. President,

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to Senegal:

1. Reinforce efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by the target date;
2. Strengthen efforts to combat maternal mortality.

In conclusion, we wish Senegal success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.