



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Chile to the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for its national report and the presentation this morning.

Chile's national report gives a comprehensive account of the country's efforts to achieve gender equality and to promote women's rights in the family, in the work place and in society. The achievements in this regard are encouraging.

We also take positive note of the attention being paid to combat the worst forms of child labour and commercial sexual exploitation of children. We are encouraged by the steps to achieve quality and equity in education, including by the adoption of legislative measures, as well as the attention being paid to education coverage in rural areas.

We take note of the entry into force of the Anti Discrimination Act in 2012, which aims to contribute to the development of a culture of equality and diversity necessary for an inclusive democracy.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to Chile:

1. Take necessary steps to address social exclusion and vulnerability of migrant women;
2. Continue to focus on the overall improvement in the quality of education, particularly in rural areas.
3. Take measures to bridge the wage gap between women and men;

Finally, we wish Chile success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.

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