



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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam to the UPR Working Group led by ..... We thank them for the comprehensive national report and the additional information provided this morning.

Sri Lanka acknowledges the progress made by Brunei Darussalam since its first UPR, especially in terms of achieving almost all targets of the Millennium Development Goals.

We note that education remains a top priority for the Government of Brunei and that it has allocated a large portion of its national budget to the education sector. We congratulate Brunei for the significant achievements in education at all levels.

We commend achievements made owing to the provision of free medical and health care, such as the significant reduction in the under-five and infant mortality rates.

Sri Lanka also welcomes action taken with regard to the rights of the child such as the Children and Young Persons Act which provides for the protection and rehabilitation of children and the establishment of the Juvenile Courts and Action Teams on Child Protection.

Empowerment of youth is key to a country's development process. We are encouraged by the many initiatives taken by the Government in support of youth, such as the setting up of the Human Resource Development Fund which supports programmes and schemes targeting youth.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Brunei Darussalam:

1. Continue to strengthen its comprehensive free health-care system by taking necessary steps to increase the number of qualified local health personnel in the country;
2. Ensure that continuous efforts are undertaken to develop its human capital through education and training and empowering vulnerable groups.

Finally, we wish Brunei Darussalam success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.