



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

Sri Lanka welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the comprehensive national report and the presentation this morning. We congratulate Kazakhstan for the achievements and the progress made in its follow up to its first UPR.

We take positive note of the endeavours of the Government to ensure socio-economic development, as evidenced by the poverty reduction eradication programme and the emphasis placed on public health care, education, employment and gender equality.

We commend the Government of Kazakhstan for the numerous measures undertaken, including the creation of a legislative framework, with a view to effectively protecting children's rights and ensuring their wellbeing. We note that considerable efforts have been made to prevent and eliminate child labour and the development of educational facilities at all levels from primary to tertiary level also plays a positive role in this regard.

My delegation welcomes efforts to counter terrorism and extremism, and notes that measures to combat human trafficking have been intensified at both at national and international levels. In this regard, we take special note of amendments made to the Counter-Terrorism Act to strengthen the financial monitoring institutions and the implementation of a national plan to combat human trafficking and the ongoing social projects dealing with victims of trafficking.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to Kazakhstan:

1. Continue to support employment generation among the youth;
2. Strengthen efforts to improve the situation of women and combat against discrimination and violence against women and children.

Finally, we wish Kazakhstan success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.