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Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
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Mr. President,  
My delegation, at the outset welcomes the high-level delegation of Kenya and wish to express our appreciation for the comprehensive statement.

Mr. President,  
Sri Lanka commends the many positive developments that have taken place in Kenya in the promotion and protection of human rights within the country, since the adoption of its last UPR in 2010.

We are pleased to note that the recommendation made during the last UPR for the promulgation of a new Constitution and the enshrining of a Bill of Rights within it, has been implemented. Sri Lanka believes that this new Constitution provides for qualitative improvements in the promotion and protection of all human rights of the Kenyan people. The Constitutionally reserved seats for women in the National Assembly and in the Senate is an important step in strengthening women's participation in the decision making process. We **recommend** Kenya to take all possible efforts to strengthen protection for women and children against discrimination and violence.

Mr. President,  
Sri Lanka notes with interest the publishing of the final report of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) in June 2013, and the establishment of an inter agency committee to examine its recommendations for implementation. We hope that Kenya will be supported and encouraged by the international community to accomplish results from this domestic process, in consultation with the country concerned.

We **recommend** Kenya to continue its efforts in implementing national policy frameworks to eradicate poverty, unemployment and ensure equality.

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

Thank you.