



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Review of Belgium - 20 January 2016

Mr. President,

The delegation of Sri Lanka welcomes the delegation of Belgium and expresses appreciation for its national report and update.

We take note of the special importance given by the Government of Belgium to combat trafficking in persons including through the national action plan to fight trafficking in human beings and the extension of rules of guardianship in 2014 to cover unaccompanied minors in the situation of vulnerability or requesting for temporary residence permit on account of human smuggling or trafficking.

We recommend that Belgium:

1. Considers ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of migrant Workers and Their Families (ICRMW);
2. Continues to adopt legislative and executive measures against gender-based violence, with special attention to migrants;
3. Continues ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking in line with the National Action Plan to combat trafficking of human beings and the international commitments.

We wish Belgium success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.