



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

Sri Lanka welcomes the delegation of Denmark and expresses appreciation for the national report and update. We congratulate Denmark for the achievements and the progress made in the follow up to its first UPR.

We take note of the continued efforts taken by Denmark to develop its legislative and institutional frameworks to ensure the protection of human rights of its citizens, in particular, the measures taken by Denmark in protecting children's rights through the establishment of a special Office for Children in 2012, as part of the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman Institution and also enacting an Act on early support for vulnerable children in 2014.

Regarding the participation of women in the labour market, we note with interest the legal guarantees to increase the number of women in management positions in the private and public sectors in 2014, which has resulted in an increase in the share of women in managerial positions in the private sector in Denmark from 11% in 2005 to 19% in 2015.

Sri Lanka notes the continued efforts of Denmark to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence. In this regard, the 4th Danish Action Plan against violence in the family and in intimate relations (2014-2017) which entered into force in 2014 and the opening of a national 24-hour hotline for victims of domestic violence including a counselling service are noteworthy developments.

We also commend Denmark for the steps taken to launch a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking (2015-2018) and strengthening awareness raising campaigns, training of professionals with a focus on combatting trafficking for sexual exploitation and forced labour.

We **recommend** Denmark to:

1. Consider acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families;
2. Further ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking.

We wish Denmark success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.