



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

At the outset, the delegation of Sri Lanka welcomes the delegation of Singapore and expresses appreciation for its national report and update.

Sri Lanka commends the positive and remarkable steps made by Singapore especially in guaranteeing the rights of its citizens, in the socio-economic sectors, which is attested through its global rankings in many socio-economic indices. Increased budget allocation to the education sector, and the various healthcare, housing and employment subsidiary programmes have contributed towards the country's realization of socio - economic rights.

We note with interest the steps taken by Singapore to combat the issue of human trafficking including the promulgation of the Prevention of Human Trafficking Act in 2014, and its accession to the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in September 2015. As a country with a sizeable population of migrant workers, the measures taken by the Singaporean Government towards the realisation of the rights of the migrant workers and their socio - economic wellbeing is noteworthy.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to Singapore:

- 1) Continue its ongoing efforts to promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights of migrant workers in Singapore including efforts to enhance reach out to foreign workers to ensure that they understand their employment rights and responsibilities, and know their avenues of recourse;
- 2) Continue efforts to combat human trafficking and to protect victims of such crime, especially women and children.

Sri Lanka wishes Singapore success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.