

Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Mr. President,

Sri Lanka welcomes the delegation of Italy to this forum and appreciates the presentation of its national report to the 4th UPR review cycle.

While recognising the challenges faced in the context of the significant arrival of migrants in Italy, Sri Lanka welcomes the adoption of a more consolidated National Anti-Trafficking Plan including Outreach, Assistance, Social Integration for Victims of Trafficking.

We also welcome the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security 2020- 2024 which considers relevant international and regional standards, the adoption of the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021-2026 as well as the new laws in promoting independence and autonomy of persons with disabilities.

Italy’s approval of a National Climate Change Adaptation Plan is commendable.

In a constructive spirit, Sri Lanka wishes to recommend the Government of Italy;

1. To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
2. To accelerate the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)
3. To take actions to reduce the regional disparities in accessing health care and to redress the inequitable distribution of health services.
4. To take action to address the challenges faced by Sinti and Roma minorities such as discrimination within schools, social exclusion and inability to access adequate housing which impact their schooling opportunities:
5. To address the educational inequalities faced by immigrant students in Italy compared to the non-immigrant students.

Sri Lanka wishes the Government of Italy success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.