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Thank you Mr. Vice-President,

Brunei Darussalam extends its warm wishes to The Honourable Dr. Harsha de Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs, and the delegation of Sri Lanka and thanks him for the presentation of its National Report.

We recognise the efforts of the Government of Sri Lanka to promote and protect human rights in the country. This is evident as the Government has adopted a number of measures to enhance the lives of its most vulnerable people, such as ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in early 2016.

Furthermore, we positively note that alleviating poverty is a high priority of the Government. Towards this end, we welcome the high-level committee chaired by the President to implement a national policy on poverty alleviation.

Therefore, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Sri Lanka:

1. Continue with its efforts to increase the number of persons with disabilities employed in the public service.
2. Encourages the implementation of its national policy on poverty alleviation to realise its goal of eradicating poverty by 2030.

To conclude, Brunei Darussalam wishes Sri Lanka a successful conclusion to its third UPR.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

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