**Closing Remarks (PRUN)**

**4th Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of Sri Lanka**

**Geneva, 1st February 2023**

**Time limit: 2.5 minutes**

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of Sri Lanka, I sincerely thank all delegations for their constructive participation and engagement in Sri Lanka’s Universal Periodic Review. We appreciate the interventions and recommendations made during this 4th Cycle.

Mr. President, Sri Lanka participated in this Review Process in a spirit of openness and engagement. We did so amidst several socio-economic challenges.

We have listened carefully to the views and perspectives which were expressed today. We are encouraged by the constructive interventions that acknowledged the positive steps taken by Sri Lanka and the progress we have achieved since the last Review in 2017. We have also taken note of the constructive suggestions and ideas expressed by colleagues.

Sri Lanka is committed to the UPR process and we will continue our ongoing work to implement the recommendations that we received in the previous UPR Cycles, while also assessing the new recommendations from the current Cycle.

The Govt. of Sri Lanka is fully committed to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights of the Sri Lankan people and to fulfil our international obligations which we have voluntarily undertaken.

Let me also thank colleagues from the line ministries who have joined us virtually from Sri Lanka, as well as all government stakeholders and civil society representatives who have vigorously engaged in the UPR process during the past few years.

The UPR has provided us a unique opportunity to present before this august assembly, the different initiatives undertaken for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

Going forward, I can assure you Mr. President that we will carefully consider all the recommendations received in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, with a view to responding to the Secretariat within the set timelines.

Finally, I would like to thank you Mr. President, the members of the Troika- Algeria, Qatar and the United Kingdom- and the Secretariat for your cooperation with my delegation during this review process. THANK YOU.