Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR42 – Sri Lanka

1st February 2023

Thank you Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka and thanks it for its National Report.

We acknowledge Sri Lanka’s will to improve. However, we note the need to increase accountability for serious human rights and international humanitarian law violations in Sri Lanka. We believe that impunity is one of the main obstacles towards achieving sustainable peace, reconciliation and development.

In a constructive spirit, Lithuania would like to offer the following recommendations:

* One, cooperate with OHCHR and all other HRC-mandated mechanisms and procedures;
* Two, establish a truth commission and a judicial mechanism to advance investigations and prosecute perpetrators of atrocity crimes;
* Three, revise counter-terrorism legislation, so it is fully compliant with international human rights standards;
* Four, fully implement the National Human Rights Action Plan to prevent child abuse and to end corporal punishment.

Lithuania wishes Sri Lanka a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.