**42ND SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF SRI LANKA**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Sri Lanka for the presentation of its National Report.

We are pleased to note the important steps taken by Sri Lanka to alleviate poverty in the country and commend the new relief measures that will extend to those most in need. These include financial support for elders and support for low income disabled persons. Brunei Darussalam welcomes this positive development, which ensures that no one is truly left behind.

Brunei Darussalam also welcomes the progress made in tackling child labour and hazardous forms of child labour through the strengthening of existing laws as well as the deployment of a range of preventive and awareness raising campaigns on this issue.

In this regard, we propose two recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to combat extreme poverty within the Sustainable Development Goals framework; and
2. To continue ongoing initiatives in the protection of the rights of children.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Sri Lanka a successful review.

Thank you.

*Time limit: TBD*